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EUROPE.

Progress of Communal Government in Paris.

The Red Flag Floating Over the Louvre and Tuileries.

Refractory Officers Imprisoned and Independent Journals Suppressed.

EXODUS OF CITIZENS FROM THE CITY.

Thiers' Administration Still Gathering Its Forces.

Prince Bismarck Urgent for the Restoration of Order.

The Cambridge Crew Wins the University Race.

THE COMMUNE IN PARIS.

The People Abusing the City—Omens in Prussia—Disappointment of the Constitutionals—Bismarck Getting Urgent—Appointment of the Council—Distribution of Powers—The Central Committee Enlarged—Statement at Versailles.

LONDON, April 1.—Paris dispatches dated on the 31st of March, contain the following information:

The *Cri du Peuple* says a committee will leave the Hotel de Ville for Luxembourg. The members of the Commune now administer the affairs of their respective arrondissements. The *Rappel* publishes a letter from Gen. LUCZOT, complaining of the treatment he has received from the Central Committee. MM. VALLERANDE and RAMOU are still in prison. It is stated that letters to journals outside of Paris have been stopped. The inhabitants continue to leave Paris, and many of the streets already look deserted. The Constitutionnel (newspaper) was seized yesterday. The *Verite* says M. ROCHEFORT has recovered, and is coming to Paris direct. The *Mot d'Ordre* confirms the statement.

The *Mot d'Ordre* says that M. BISMARCK has consented to the modification of Article 2 of the preliminaries of peace, and allowed the augmentation of the Paris army to 50,000 men. M. BISMARCK, in his note, asked M. THIERS to define the time in which he would accomplish the suppression of the insurrection in Paris. M. THIERS resisted the demand by the expression of the hope that he would succeed in his efforts of conciliation, and by asserting the right to judge when other measures are necessary.

At the sitting of the Commune, yesterday, M. LE FRANCAIS was appointed President, M. RIZAUNE FERRAT, Secretary, and MM. BERGERET and DUVAL judges. The Commune proposes to admit foreigners to membership of the Council. The flag of the Commune will be that of the universal Republic. The Commissaries have been appointed by the Commune to take charge of affairs as follows: Executive, Military, Subsistence, Financial, Justice, Public Security, Works, Trade, Public Service, Foreign Affairs and Education. It has been decided that education shall be gratuitous, compulsory and entirely secular. The Commune has determined to dispatch representatives to the various States of Europe, and especially to Prussia, as soon as their future attitude is known.

Communication between Paris and Versailles is interrupted. No letters or papers passed between the two cities on Friday. A meeting of merchants was held for the purpose of demanding explanations from the Commune, whereupon one of the delegates threats responded that M. RAMPONT, who has had charge of the General Post-Office, has fled with all the staff and materials. The service will be reorganized speedily by the Commune.

A rumor having arisen that a body of troops intended for an attack on Paris had reached Neuilly and St. Cloud, all the western gates of Paris were closed, and several officers of the orderly Eighth Battalion of the National Guard were arrested. The complete isolation of Paris is momentarily expected.

The journals *Pungolo* and *Electeur Libre* have ceased to appear in Paris. The Commune has summoned Col. CHALLETON, who surrendered Fort Mont Valerien to the Prussians, to appear for trial, but he refused to obey the order.

The London *Times'* special dispatch from Versailles says M. THIERS pays 500,000,000 of francs to the Prussians on Friday evening, and the French Government will then be allowed to receive reinforcements from the north. A special dispatch from Paris to the London *Telegraph* says the Thirteenth Regiment of the line, after reoccupying the Bridge of Sevres and ruining it deserted, entered Paris in a body, where they were received enthusiastically and fraternized with the National Guards. Fugitives from Paris are increasing in numbers.

Government Troops in Paris—New Election of Officers Demanded for Public Buildings of the Commune—French Ministers at Rome and Florence.

LONDON, April 1.—A Versailles dispatch of today pronounces utterly false the report authoritatively circulated that the Thirteenth Regiment of the line has entered Paris and fraternized with the National Guards.

A dispatch from Paris says the Sub-Central Committee has ordered new elections for military officers, at the same time reminding the National Guards that they have the right to remove all officers in whom they have lost confidence. The Commune has seized all the offices for the collection of taxes. M. DELESCLUZE has demanded that the siting of the Commune be made public. The proposition is approved by the *Rappel* and other journals. The red flag has been hoisted on the Tuileries and Louvre. Telegraphic communication has been established between the Ministry, the Mairies, and the public buildings generally. A dispatch from Florence, March 31, says Viscount HAUBOUSE has been appointed French Ambassador to Rome, and Count PASLIN CHOSEUL comes to Florence in a similar capacity.

FRANCE AND GERMANY.

Released French Prisoners in Denmark—Indemnity to the People of Alsace and Lorraine—German Influence in France to Co-operate With the Versailles Government.

LONDON, April 1.—A dispatch from Ineshoe, Denmark, announces the arrival, at Gluckstadt, the capital of the Duchy of Holstein, of 1,000 French soldiers, released from captivity in Germany. A similar number is expected this evening. Transports are in waiting at Gluckstadt to carry them to France.

A dispatch from Strasbourg says Prince BISMARCK has written to the Chamber of Commerce of that city that Germany will compensate the inhabitants of Alsace and Lorraine at the same rate that was accorded to the inhabitants of those provinces when they were annexed under similar circumstances to France.

A dispatch from Berlin, says the *Kreuz Zeitung* of today, announces that the proposal of the French Government to Germany for an increase of the number of French troops in Paris in consequence of the disturbances in that city, has been agreed to. The German Government has also promised in case of the spread of the disturbances beyond Paris, to place departments occupied by German troops in a state of siege, according to French laws. The number and disposition of the German forces in France are not to be changed.

GENERAL EUROPEAN NEWS.

Illness of the Duke of Nassau—Japanese Ambassador at Brussels—Queen Dowager of Sweden Sick.

WIESBADEN, April 1.—The Duke of NASSAU has been quite ill, but has partially recovered his health.

BRUSSELS, April 1.—The Japanese Ambassador, FUGITI NUTSUMO MYA and suite have arrived here, accompanied by Baron SIEBOLD, as an interpreter.

STOCKHOLM, March 31.—The Queen Dowager of Sweden is ill.

THE UNIVERSITY BOAT-RACE.

Annual Contest Between the Oxford and Cambridge Crews—Immense Crowds and Splendid Rowing—Cambridge the Winner—Personnel of the Two Crews.

LONDON, April 1.—The great boat-race for the championship of the Universities came off this forenoon on the Thames. The course was the usual one, from Putney to Mortlake. Both crews were on the water promptly at the call of time. The choice of position was won by the Oxfords, who took the Middlesex side of the river. Both crews got a splendid start, but Cambridge took a slight lead upon the instart, and maintained it throughout the race. The tide was slack and the water lumpy. The race was well contested from the start to the finish, but was never in doubt, as it was early apparent that the Cambridge men were the better crew. Cambridge took her opponents water at Barnes Bridge, and shot under the arch several lengths ahead. After passing the bridge Oxford spurted, and slightly decreased the lead of Cambridge, which quickly passed the stake-boat three lengths ahead. The time of the winning crew was twenty-three minutes nine and a half seconds. The usual crowds lined the river-banks and filled the bridges; probably half a million of people witnessed the race. The wildest excitement prevailed among the spectators, who were all enthusiastic supporters of one or the other of the contestants. The City of London was completely emptied of people and vehicles. The betting just before the start was two to one on Cambridge.

There are the usual discrepancies as to the time and distance by which Cambridge won the race today. Some parties say the distance was only one length, and the time five seconds.

The following are the names and weights of the respective crews, according to the latest advices:

Cambridge—1, J. S. Follett, Third Trinity, 11 stone 9 pounds; 2, J. B. Close, First Trinity, 11 stone 10 pounds; 3, H. J. Lomax, First Trinity, 12 stone 5 pounds; 4, E. A. A. Spencer, Second Trinity, 12 stone 7 pounds; 5, W. H. Lowe, Christ's, 12 stone 12 pounds; 6, E. Phelps, Sidney, 12 stone 2 pounds; 7, E. S. L. Randolph, Second Trinity, 11 stone 10 pounds; 8, H. D. Goldie, St. John's, (stroke,) 12 stone 10 pounds; H. E. Gordon, (coxswain,) 8 stone 2 pounds.

Oxford—1, A. H. Woodhouse, University, 11 stone 7 pounds; 2, E. Giles, Christ Church, 12 stone 10 pounds; 3, T. S. Baker, Queen's, 12 stone 3 pounds; 4, E. C. Malan, Worcester, 12 stone 1 pound; 5, J. Edwards Moss, Baliol, 12 stone 2 pounds; 6, A. R. Pryse, St. John's, 12 stone 4 pounds; 7, J. W. Bumbury, Brasenose, 11 stone 9 pounds; 8, Lesley, Pembroke, (stroke,) 11 stone 11 pounds; F. H. Hall, (coxswain,) Corpus, 8 stone.

Former Races Between the University Crews.

The first race for the championship between the oarsmen of the two great English Universities took place in 1829, on what is known as the Henley course, and the Oxford crew won the victory. There is no record of any other contest until 1839, when Cambridge won the race on the course from Westminster of Putney. In 1840, '60, '61 and '62 there were races on the same course, the first three of which were won by Cambridge and the last by Oxford. Since that time the Mortlake and Putney course has been used, and the latrels have passed several times from one University to the other. The following is a complete list of the University races since they were first instituted, with the results. The boats used, in all cases, have been eight-oared, with a cockswain, and the Mortlake and Putney course is four miles in length, rowed from one end to the other without returning.

Year.	Winner.	Course.	Time.	Won by
1829.	Oxford.	Henley	14:30.	M'ny l'ngths
1839.	Cam'ge.	Westm'r to Putney	36:00.	3 minutes.
1840.	Cam'ge.	Westm'r to Putney	31:00.	3 m. 45 s.
1841.	Cam'ge.	Westm'r to Putney	23:30.	¾ of a l'gth.
1842.	Oxford.	Westm'r to Putney	32:30.	1 m. 4 s.
1857.	Oxford.	Westm'r to Putney	21:00.	12 seconds.
1858.	Cam'ge.	Putney to Mortlake	23:30.	30 seconds.
1859.	Oxford.	Putney to Mortlake	22:00.	M'ny l'ngths.
1860.	Oxford.	Putney to Mortlake	Foul.	
1861.	Oxford.	Putney to Mortlake	21:45.	27 seconds.
1862.	Oxford.	Putney to Mortlake	22:00.	15 seconds.
1863.	Cam'ge.	Mortlake to Putney	23:00.	Half l'gth.
1864.	Oxford.	Putney to Mortlake	22:10.	20 seconds.
1865.	Cam'ge.	Putney to Mortlake	21:54.	22 seconds.
1866.	Oxford.	Putney to Mortlake	24:30.	Canv. anal.
1867.	Cam'ge.	Putney to Mortlake	20:00.	1 length.
1868.	Oxford.	Putney to Mortlake	23:17.	43 seconds.
1869.	Oxford.	Putney to Mortlake	21:40.	20 seconds.
1870.	Oxford.	Mortlake to Putney	22:42.	31 seconds.
1871.	Oxford.	Putney to Mortlake	21:54.	22 seconds.
1857.	Oxford.	Putney to Mortlake	21:23.	15 seconds.
1858.	Cam'ge.	Putney to Mortlake	22:42.	15 seconds.
1859.	Oxford.	Putney to Mortlake	21:36.	¾ length.
1860.	Oxford.	Putney to Mortlake	22:00.	5 lengths.
1861.	Oxford.	Putney to Mortlake	20:40.	5 lengths.
1862.	Cam'ge.	Putney to Mortlake	21:00.	10 lengths.
1870.	Cam'ge.	Putney to Mortlake	21:04.	3 lengths.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., April 1.—The Eastern Circuit Methodist Episcopal Conference adjourned sine die today. Some thirty or thirty-five appointments have been made.

A number of ministers will remain in the city over Sunday. A show worth trouble here is rare.

BOSTON, April 1.—Levi HODGKINS, of Charlestown, died yesterday morning, the result of injuries received by the bursting of the gallery from the fire discharge planned on the Fast Day celebration, and now out his brains.

GENERAL TELEGRAMS.

THE PUBLIC DEBT.

Official Statement For March—A Decrease of $204,752,412 09.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—The following is the official statement of the public debt for the month of March, a reduction of $11,031,360 55 being reported.

The Government expenditures by warrant, during March, exclusive of the public debt, were as follows:

War	$6,692,740 29
Navy	1,556,488 48
Indians and Pensions	2,815,295 79
Civil and Miscellaneous	5,800,970 76
Total	$16,767,491 32

Debt Bearing Interest in Coin.

Bonds at 6 ⅌ cent	$1,696,776,950 00
Bonds at 5 ⅌ cent	214,697,200 00
Principal	$1,914,544,250 00
Interest	20,489,836 91
Debt Bearing Interest in Lawful Money.	
Certificates of indebtedness at 4 ⅌ cent	$675,000 00
Navy Pension Fund at 3 ⅌ cent	14,000,000 00
Certificates at 3 ⅌ cent	25,315,000 00
Principal	$39,990,000 00
Interest	277,600 05
Debt on which Interest has ceased since Maturity.	
Principal	$8,162,503 20
Interest	614,943 30
Debt Bearing no Interest.	
Old demand and legal-tender notes	$356,098,031 00
Fractional currency	42,845,844 03
Coin certificates	23,361,440 00
Principal	$421,705,315 04
Unclaimed Pacific Railroad interest	612,698 01
Total debt, principal	2,393,707,277 35
Interest	21,376,383 16
Total	$2,415,083,660 51
Cash in the Treasury, coin	$105,897,820 04
Cash in the Treasury, currency	18,096,248 74
Total	$124,379,048 78
Debt less cash in the Treasury April 1, 1871	$2,290,704,611 73
Debt less cash in the Treasury March 1, 1871	2,295,736,024 32
Decrease of debt during past month	$11,031,360 55
Decrease of debt from March 1, 1870, to March 1, 1871	$204,752,412 09

MEXICO.

Congressional Dead-Lock—Chances of Juarez—Ministerial Changes.

CITY OF MEXICO, March 24, via HAVANA, April 1.—The Mexican Congress is a dead-lock. The opposition have a majority of twelve, but are unable to accomplish their aim because the Juarez Deputies leave the hall and prevent the necessary quorum. The terrible attendance of members is prohibited by the Constitution. The schemes of the fusionists have been partly defeated, and the chances of JUAREZ are consequently strengthened. Gen. NEGRETE repudiates the fusionists. Several of the Diaz Clubs will also probably join JUAREZ. The attempt of the fusionists to send the army from the capital resulted in the army adhering to JUAREZ unanimously. The Jalisco quarrel is unimportant. The Corona Government generally favors the Legislature. Ex-Gov. CURNOV ran away to the capital after an armed encounter between both factions. CURNOV has petitioned Congress to pass a law withdrawing the Federal troops. The President's birthday was celebrated on the 21st, and the Emperor WILLIAM's on the 22d. Many German and American flags were displayed. The man-of-war *May Flower* arrived at Vera Cruz on the 16th, from Coatzacoalco. Congress has passed to the first reading a bill granting freedom of the ballot, by 34 majority. MARIZCAL has been appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs, and VELASCO Minister of the Interior. SAVEDRA has been transferred to the Ministry of Justice. ROMERO will probably go to Washington, and PAYNO will probably assume the Ministry of Finance.

CANADA.

The Red River Troops—The Fishery Question—Free-Trade Measures.

OTTAWA, April 1.—In the Senate the Postmaster-General announced that the rumors of misconduct on the part of the Red River troops were wholly groundless. In the House of Commons some discussion arose on Dr. TUPPER's motion for the House to go into Committee on the resolution providing for the amendment to the act respecting fishery by foreign vessels. Mr. HOLTON thought it would be injudicious to meddle with that subject in view of the sitting of the Joint High Commission, while Dr. TUPPER said the resolutions provide another means for carrying out the present regulations, and did not propose to make the present law more stringent. Mr. HOLTON said it empowered the Minister of the Marine to order captured vessels to be taken into other than the nearest ports. He thought injustice might result from this. Dr. TUPPER said it was very advisable that such power should be given, as it might sometimes be neither safe nor convenient to carry vessels into the nearest harbor. The resolutions would give the officers and men of the Police vessels a share in the prize money, whereas, under the wording of the present law, Captains might claim the whole of it. After some further discussion, the resolutions were agreed to, and a bill founded on them was read for the first time. The Government has issued instructions to admit, on and after today, the following articles free: Coal, coke, wheat, flour, salt, peas, beans, rye, oats, Indian corn, buck wheat, and all other grains, Indian-meal, oatmeal, flour or meal of any other grain.

THE WEATHER.

Synopsis of Observations for the Past Twenty-four Hours—Prognostications and Probabilities.

WAR DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER, WASHINGTON, D. C., 7.00 P. M., April 1.—In the lower Mississippi Valley and the South-west, the barometer has risen since Friday evening, and the clouds have very generally cleared away, with fresh, cool, north-west winds. In the South Atlantic States a decided fall in the barometer and heavy rains are now reported. A still heavier fall, with a decided increase of temperature, and partially cloudy weather, has been in progress in the extreme North-west and on the upper lakes. Heavy rains and falling barometer are reported on Lake Ontario, clearing-up weather on Lake Erie, and threatening and rainy weather in the Eastern States.

PROBABILITIES.

It is probable that on Sunday a low barometer, with cloudy and threatening weather and brisk winds, will prevail on the upper lakes, clearing-up weather on the lower lakes and lower Mississippi Valley, and cloudy or clearing-up weather on the Atlantic coast.

Meteorological Record.

SUMMIT OF MOUNT WASHINGTON, N. H., April 1.—Observation made at 7, o'clock P. M. Barometer, 22.79; change, plus .05; thermometer, 15°; change, plus 10°; relative humidity, 64°; wind, south; velocity, 18 miles per hour. The thermometer indicated 44° at 10 o'clock A. M. in the sun. It was thawing fast all day, and perfectly clear, especially in the north.

THE SOUTH.

The Ku-Klux Rewards a Special Tax—The Scheduled Murderers.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 1.—The *Avalanche*, Jackson special says: "Gov. ALCORN, in his message to the Legislature today, says: Rewards for the detection of men engaged in outrages perpetrated by what is called the Ku-Klux in any county, shall, when paid by the Executive, be made a special tax upon that county, with a right to change the venue on the part of the State. He asks authority to organize and call into the field a cavalry regiment of picked men for operating wherever masked assassins shall be seen, the cost of subsistence of said regiment to be levied on the county to which they have been called by the appearance of masked assassins. With this power, tax-payers who should dare to tolerate by their sympathies performances of the Ku-Klux, will soon find out that such toleration will cost them heavily in penal taxes. While leaving nothing undone to repress violence, it is our solemn duty to see that we leave nothing undone to remove all possible grounds for provocation. Application for a new trial in the case of POSTON and GRAVES, convicted of Ku-Kluxing young SCHOFIELD, near Cuba, in this county, was overruled by Judge FLIPPIN, today, and they were sentenced to be hanged on the 26th of May next.

THE PACIFIC COAST.

Depression in Stocks—A Laborers' Strike—Billiards.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 1.—Mrs. FAIR being too ill to sit up, the Court adjourned to Monday. Stocks are depressed. Kentuck, $70; Belcher, $40; Crown Point, $123; Chariot, $42; Imperial, $30 50; Savage, $64 50; Choller, $76; Norcross, $78; Spring Valley, $29; Gould & Curry, $56; Ophir, $11 50; Yellow Jacket, $67. The laborers excavating the foundation for the new City Hall, who commenced to work on Thursday for $1 75 for eight hours' daily work, struck yesterday for $2 wages a day, and prevented others from working. This morning the contractors conceded the advance, and work was resumed. RUDOLPHS and OTSILLE DION played a billiard match, last evening, of 1,500 points, French carrom. The game was won by RUDOLPHS, who at the sixty-ninth inning had scored 1,501 points to his opponent's 1,105.

THE WEST.

Terrible Boiler Explosion in Ohio—Several Killed and Wounded.

CINCINNATI, April 1.—The boiler in URIAH MCCALL & Co.'s distillery, on the Ohio River at McCall's Landing, Brown County, Ohio, exploded yesterday, greatly damaging the building and killing six persons and wounding nine others, two of whom have since died. The killed are JOHN MCCOY, Jr., a member of the firm, from Hamilton, Ohio; D. R. SAYERS, R. A. Arthup, James Little, G. C. Fownal, J. D. Thompson, H. J. Kimbell. The wounded yet living are J. J. Henderson, severely scalded; C. Rogers, badly hurt in the abdomen; J. R. Pollard, hip fractured; J. Ellis, slightly scalded; L. Watson, left thigh broken; J. Hully, severely hurt; W. Knox, seriously hurt. The loss on the building is about $15,000. The cause of the disaster is not ascertained. Among the rumors is one, that a number of hands have been in a drunken state for two days. The distillery had been running day and night, Sundays excepted.

FIRES.

Destruction of the Griswold Opera-House in Troy—Loss $50,000—Insurances, &c.—Other Fires.

TROY, April 1.—About 1½ o'clock this morning fire was discovered in the rear portion of the stage of the Griswold Opera-house, on Third-street, and before the engines could get to work the flames rolled out over the whole upper part of the building. About 2 o'clock the inner walls caved in on the south side, partially going through Mr. VAN ARNUM's house adjoining the theatre on the south. The continued efforts of the firemen in confining the flames to the opera-house alone were successful. About 3 o'clock the north wall caved in, going completely through Col. SCHERMERHORN's residence and barber-shop. The flames were extinguished finally, leaving the building a total wreck, nothing standing but the front wall. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is supposed to have caught in the dressing-room. The theatre building was erected in 1853 by Mr. VAN ARNUM, on the ruins of the old Adelphi, which was burned down Oct. 7, 1852.

Mr. VAN ARNUM's loss will be, on all his property, theatre, dwelling and barn in the rear of this dwelling, about $50,000, on which he is insured as follows: On theatre building, $9,500; on scenery in building, &c., $2,500. Total on theatre, $12,000. On house, $4,000; on barn, $1,000. Total insurance, $17,000. Col. SCHERMERHORN loses on his furniture, bath-tubs, dwelling, &c., about $10,000; insured, on shop, $500; on building, $2,500; bath-tubs, &c., $1,750; furniture, $1,000. Total insurance, $5,950.

Mr. BISHOP, keeper of the Griswold saloon, estimates his loss at about $7,000—on which he has no insurance. JOHN ALLEN's loss on exchange fixings, &c., will be about $600; not insured. Messrs. MITCHELL & WILTON lose all their fixings, &c., amounting to about $2,000; no insurance. The troupe which had been playing "Pomp" at the theatre this week, loses about $200; no insurance; and many of the actors and actresses of the stock company who had their wardrobes at the theatre, will lose all they had. The total loss by the fire will be about $50,000; total insurance $22,950.

ST. JOHN, N. B., April 1.—A fire broke out this morning in WALKER's ship-chandlery store, on Ward-street, and extended through to Water-street, burning JAMES HARRIS' and ALLAN BROTHERS' stove warehouses, together with three small litter-stores, two cooper and two block-making shops. The loss is estimated at $50,000, which is nearly covered by insurance.

Burning of a Brooklyn Church—Loss $100,000.

The Church of the Messiah, situated at the corner of Greene and Clermont avenues, Brooklyn, was completely destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon. The flames originated in the furnace, which was located under the floor of the church. A fire was started in it by the sexton about 4 P. M., after which he went to his home, several blocks distant, but he had hardly reached there when news of the conflagration reached him. On returning, at the spot he found the interior of the edifice all ablaze, and despite the immediate presence of the firemen all efforts to save the structure proved unavailing. It was burned, with its entire contents, to the ground. The loss is estimated at $100,000, which is covered by $40,000 insurance, $20,000 of which is in the Continental, of New-York, and $15,000 in the Phenix, of Brooklyn. The edifice was quite new, and was considered one of the finest in the city. Measures had been taken by the managers to add to its beauty by the erection of a steeple. The pastor's name is Rev. R. DUGRE. The congregation is Episcopalian.

Fire in Church-Street.

At 7 o'clock last evening a fire occurred on the fourth floor of No. 101 Church-street, occupied by METZ BROS. & CRANE, manufacturers of skirts and dresses. The same firm also occupy the second floor, and their loss will exceed $1,000; insured for $20,000. The third and fifth floors are occupied by S. WEIL, shirt manufacturer, loss slight; insured. The floor is occupied by BARBER & CO., importers of linen thread; damage by water, $250. The building is damaged to the extent of $600; fully insured. The fire originated in a box of cuttings from some unknown cause.

Miscellaneous Telegrams.

BOSTON, Mass., April 1.—The Legislative Investigating Committee on the State Constabulary have requested Chief Constable JONES to return the liquors seized on Thursday. The act is being considered as a violation of the resolve protecting witnesses summoned before the committee. E. G. UHLER, the newly-appointed United States Marshal for this district, was inducted into his office today.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 1.—WALTER B. FOSTER, an editor and publisher here twenty years ago, but for several years past Secretary of the Pacific Insurance Company, a man of fine literary attainments, died yesterday. His remains will be forwarded to Boston, where his relatives reside.

UTICA, N. Y., April 1.—A package containing $9,100 gold coupons, due April 1, of the Indianapolis, Bloomington and Western and the Danville, Urbana, Bloomington and Petin Railroad bonds, was stolen yesterday, while in transit from Herkimer County. They were payable at the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, and at TURNER BROTHERS', both of New-York City.

OSWEGO, April 1.—The schooner *Ontario* arrived here this morning from Toronto with a cargo of barley, being the first arrival of grain this season.

WASHINGTON.

Continued Debate on the Shellabarger Bill in the House—Speech of Elliott, the Colored Member—A Democratic Diversion—Position of the New Loan in Europe—Revenue Receipts.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—The House continued the discussion of the Shellabarger bill today, taking a recess from 4½ to 7½ o'clock, and continuing this evening. WADDELL and SHOBER, of North Carolina, and LEWIS, of Kentucky, spoke against the bill in substantially the same vein as all the speeches of the same side from similar sources. HAWLEY, of Illinois, favored the measure substantially, objecting only to some of its details. ELLIOTT, the colored member from South Carolina, made a speech in support of the bill. ELLIOTT is really a man of ability, and that fact must be acknowledged. As soon as he began to speak, the Democratic side of the House was suddenly deserted, and when, after he had concluded, DAWES and SHELLABARGER, and several other Republicans gathered around him to take his hand and congratulate him on the speech, the few Democrats who were on the floor smiled in a painfully forced manner. He combined his argument to the constitutionality of the measure, and the facts regarding the condition of affairs at the South, and in the first part of his speech ably, boldly applied himself to answer the argument of Mr. KERR, who is regarded as the ablest constitutional debater among the Democrats. Hon. H. BOARDMAN SMITH, of New-York, followed ELLIOTT, and made his maiden speech in the House. His debut in that body was highly to his credit. His manner, language and argument mark him as a man to whom the House will be compelled to listen. His legal points were ably sustained, and his use of facts and history was telling in effect.

CHANGE OF HOUR.

It was agreed this afternoon that the House should meet on Monday at 11 o'clock, an hour earlier than the regular time. At 11 o'clock the usual call of the States under the rule will be made.

DEBATE TO BE CLOSED ON MONDAY.

There was some discussion about the time for closing debate, and Mr. SHELLABARGER intimated that he should soon feel it his duty to move the previous question, for the purpose of giving the House an opportunity to decide whether the debate should continue longer. It is now expected he will do this on Monday, or Tuesday at the latest, and when he does it will probably be seconded, though there are many speeches ready to be made.

A DIVERSION.

One of your contemporaries has become good Democratic authority here, although it claims to be Republican. FERNANDO WOOD caused to be read in the House today an editorial of yesterday from the *Evening Post*, on the Ku-Klux of Massachusetts, for the purpose of making capital against the pending measure.

PROSPECTIVE AMENDMENT TO THE BILL.

When the vote is taken on Mr. SHELLABARGER's bill, almost countless amendments will be offered. When the debate first began it was generally supposed that a union of the Republicans on some measure would be accomplished. But there are growing fears that this expectation will not be fully met. It will not be surprising to find the bill before the House radically changed before its passage, so that it will be really of little efficacy for the purpose sought.

SAN DOMINGO.

Sixteen thousand five hundred and fifty copies of Mr. SUMNER's San Domingo speech, and 14,900 of Mr. SCHURZ's, have been subscribed for, the greater share being taken by Democrats. The report of the San Domingo Commission is not yet presented to the President, so it will not be laid before Congress before Tuesday, and perhaps not till later. There is no disagreement between the Commissioners, and they expected to complete their work today. That they will do so very soon is certain.

Dispatch to the Associated Press.

THE NEW LOAN IN GERMANY.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—The United States Consul-General at Frankfort-on-the-Main writes that the question now discussed among bankers is, "Will holders of five-twenty bonds convert the same into new five per cent. bonds at par?" He adds that a more favorable response would have been given had the bonds been placed on the market a year ago—before the French and German war. Still the general opinion is that soon the new loan will be taken. Most men in Germany demand a long and safe loan. They also wish to distribute their investments. The new loan, therefore, has advantages which will soon be well-known and appreciated. A favorable decision of the point may therefore be expected.

CURRENCY STATEMENT.

The receipts of fractional currency for the week ending today amount to $631,500.

Shipments to Assistant Treasurers, national banks, &c.: Notes	$5,256,670
Currency	477,044
The Treasurer holds in trust, as security for national bank circulation	$54,625,220
And for public deposits	15,723,550
National bank circulation outstanding at this date	$13,819,531
National gold bank circulation outstanding to date	387,000

INTERNAL REVENUE RECEIPTS.

The internal revenue receipts today were $405,621, of the fiscal year up to date $111,598,970.

The subscriptions to the new loan today were $1,415,050; total up to date, $50,015,050.

There were redeemed today $1,050,000 three per cent. certificates.

PACIFIC RAILROAD BONDS.

Of the bonds issued to the Pacific Railroad Companies, the principal outstanding is $64,623,323; interest accrued and not yet paid, $669,323; interest paid by the United States, $10,759,910; interest repaid by the transportation of mails, $2,599,405; balance of interest paid by the United States, $8,154,505.

CONGRESSIONAL PAGES.

There are twenty pages in the House of Representatives, their appointment being made at the instance, respectively, of the Republican delegations from the States, according to custom established by the members. Today, on the recommendation of Messrs. PORTER, PLATT and STOWELL, of Virginia, the white page from that State was superseded by the appointment of a colored youth from Virginia. This is the first time a colored youth has been appointed a page in the House.

PERSONAL.

Secretary BELKNAP will leave Washington on Monday to attend the meeting of the Society of the Army of Tennessee, on April 6 and 7, at Cincinnati, and will be absent until Saturday.

Solicitor SMITH, of the Interior Department, has been designated by the President as Acting Secretary during the absence of Mr. DELANO.

FORTY-SECOND CONGRESS.

FIRST SESSION.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, April 1, 1871.

PROTECTION OF RIGHTS IN THE SOUTH.

The bill to enforce the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution being under consideration, Mr. WADDELL, of North Carolina, said the bill was ostensibly to have effect in all the States, but the real intention was to limit its operation to what are called the insurrectionary States. He did not deny that crimes had been committed by organized bands of disguised men in a small portion of the State—the testimony showed this. He believed crimes were committed in North Carolina as in other States; the only difference was that while in that State the offenders were disguised, in other States the criminals wore no disguises, and operated in open day. But while he admitted that crimes were committed in North Carolina, and that the perpetrators escaped detection, he most emphatically denied that the property and lives of loyal men, which often meant loyal thieves, are unsafe. He asked whether the prosperity of the Southern people was not unparalleled in the history of the world, considering all their misfortunes. The cotton crop last year was the largest ever raised, and other industries have kept pace with it. These things disprove the truth of the assertions made here as to the poverty of the South. He served notice on the Republicans that when they accomplished their purposes and destroyed the institutions of the country by a violation of the Constitution, simply to carry elections and keep the present party in power, they could not gild in the books of their opponents this last deed of evil.

Mr. SHOBER, of North Carolina, followed in a similar strain. He said the trouble in six or eight counties of North Carolina was not because of the hostility to negro suffrage or the Reconstruction acts. The true solution was the supposed necessity of an organization to protect life and property, which were menaced by hostile organizations, and could not receive protection by a weak and impotent State Government. The Ku-Klux were never heard of until after the organization of the Union League, the members of which were bound by rigid oaths for political purposes, setting up not an equality but a superiority to white men, and encouraged by the suggestions of base white adventurers. Organized bands of negroes roved some portions of that State, committing murder, robbery and arson. The statement that disorganization existed throughout North Carolina was simply false. The feeling between the whites and blacks was daily becoming better. There was no demand for interference in those sentiments, but leave the reflection now at work to their free exercise, and their potent charms will pacify and quiet all classes of the Southern people. Do not by legislation irritate the people, but address to them the words of peace and charity. Give them amnesty, and you will do more to put away trouble than by any other measure.

Mr. HAWLEY, of Illinois, said that one of the gentlemen who spoke today, colonized the rebel soldier, and urged that he should not be held late in the present condition of affairs, and the other gentleman endeavored to convince the House that the state of things which many of the Republicans believed existed in the South, had, in fact, no existence, and called upon them to grant a general amnesty. He (Mr. HAWLEY) while listening to the remarks was disposed to ask, "Have we a Government and Constitution at all?" He then maintained that there was sufficient power to protect citizens in all parts of the Republic, and called attention to the laws passed from the earliest day of our history, to show that the power had been constantly exercised. Among other things, he said that the act of 1792 authorized President HAMMERON to call out the militia to suppress armed combinations and to execute the laws. This power was enlarged so that he might also employ the army and navy for such purposes. President LINCOLN, in 1861, called out seventy-five thousand men, claiming the power to do so under the act of 1795. That discretion in the law was left to the President, now, as at the commencement of the late rebellion. It was said there was no authority to pass such a bill as that under consideration, and that if laws were passed to protect the people everywhere, the Constitution would be overturned, and ruin and anarchy would be brought on the Government, and a country that they so much loved. If Congress could not pass laws to protect him in all the rights, privileges and immunities guaranteed by the Constitution, how was he to be protected? Unless Congress could pass such laws, the Constitution was of no value whatever. The General Government was supreme over and above all, and the Constitution conferred all authority upon Congress to execute the laws and enforce the guarantees contained in that instrument, without any power standing in the way of their enforcement.

Mr. LEWIS, of Kentucky, said this bill was of unusual harshness, and aimed not only at his own State, but the Southern States generally, and was inimical to our free institutions. If this bill should be passed of all it would be at executive dictation for party purposes and not for the country. It created a consolidated despotism and obliterated State lines. It was a persevering and studied attack on our form of government. He did not wish to deny that disorder existed in some parts of the South, but he wanted the offenders to be punished according to the forms and provisions of the law.

Mr. WOOD, of New-York, sent up and had read an article from the New-York Herald of Friday, representing that the boys in the public schools at Fall River, Mass., were in the habit of carrying firearms and threatening to shoot those who offended them.

Mr. WOOD and Mr. BUTLER's bill proposed to operate only on a portion of the States, while Mr. SHELLABARGER's bill extended to all the States. The latter, perhaps, had in his mind the terrible affairs in Massachusetts. If there was anything which could induce him to violate the Constitution, it would be for the purpose of suppressing outrages and Ku-Klux in that State.

Mr. SHELLABARGER said if the article was meant to be witty he could not reply as invited by the gentleman from New-York, because he (SHELLABARGER) was not witty. He left that for some witty gentleman from Massachusetts to notice.

Mr. NIBLACK, of Indiana, sent up to be read an affidavit received from Iowa, signed by D. CAGE, with reference to a remarkable outrage, whether by Ku-Klux Mr. NIBLACK could not say, but it was something of the character. The affidavit recites that he was born in New-York in 1829; that he was the victim of demons who had complete control of him, making him do things against his will. These demons live on human flesh. They are twenty-five high, are black and have tails behind; their appearance is naked and shameful; their words are nuclear, and they are liars; they are larger now than they were eight years ago, and are continually growing in size; they are the beasts spoken of in Revelation—winged wizards and dragons, &c.

Mr. SHANKS, of Indiana, inquired whether his colleague was connected with that society.

Mr. NIBLACK replied that the affidavit came to him as an evidence of Ku-Klux outrages.

Mr. ELLIOT (colored,) of South Carolina, argued that the United States were bound by the Constitution to guarantee to every State a republican form of government. This duty was imposed without a condition precedent. There could be no republican government if the people were intimidated, and prevented from the exercise of their rights, and if domestic violence was permitted to continue. The pending bill was in consonance with the Constitution. It was objected to by the Democrats because it struck at their Southern friends. He did not wish to be considered offensive when he quoted from the poet,

"No rogue e'er felt the halter draw,
With good opinion of the law."

He read from the speech of ROBERT TOOMBS, from newspaper articles, &c., to show that Democratic employers and professional men in South Carolina act in harmony in ostracizing the Republic

CURRENT LITERATURE.

GENEVIEVE.

DIED MARCH 30, 1871, AT 4 A. M.

Just when the Spring's first kindling breath
Woke life through all the Wintertide,
Just when the dawn, belying death,
Came bright with hope, our darling died.

Upon the threshold of the year,
Upon the threshold of the day,
The fair, young life we held so dear
Paused, lingered, softly turned away.

From night and Winter forth she stepped
At once into eternal day,
Unequal Summer; we, who wept,
Could scarce have wished to bid her stay.

For something in the sweet brown eyes
Betrayed a spirit tired of earth;
Their hungered for its native skies,
And hastened to its heavenly birth.

So gentle was our Genevieve,
So free of every earthly thrall,
We cannot wonder, while we grieve,
That God should raise her, and recall.

The Spring she did not stay to greet
Shall write its sorrow on her tomb,
And all things fair and all things sweet
Shall join to make her memory bloom.

Yet still in aching hearts will be
A void her memory cannot fill;
God eyes her dear, dead face will see,
Glad lips desire her lost lips still.

We know her blest, our griefs above,
Secure from wrong, remote from pain,
Yet still our selfish human love
Demands her back, demands in vain.

Patience! wrung parent-hearts, in woe
United doubly; you shall feel,
Though long some natural tears must flow,
That He who hurt can also heal.

Even in the season's shade and shine
A promise, you may read, of balm;
'Tis through our tears He shows His sign,
To troubled seals, of heavenly calm.

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TOM POULTON'S JOKE.

A sociable club of seventy or eighty choice spirits, calling itself "The Serious Family," and having for its President or Chairman Mr. Tom Poulton, barrister-at-law in theory and nothing-at-all in fact, held its weekly meetings for some years in three or four large rooms in a dull gaunt house in Soho-square. The primary object of this association was the promotion of good-fellowship by the conciliatory medium of wholesome spirits and good tobacco. It possessed a secondary, or rather incidental, feature in the shape of a Provident Loan Fund, and according to the by-laws of this fund, all members of the club who had proved their general solvency by twelve regular monthly payments of one sovereign, were entitled to one loan of twenty-four pounds, to be repaid within six months of the date of borrowing. This fund was projected by Mr. Tom Poulton, who proved by statistics that, taking the general population of Great Britain and Ireland, including women and children, and excluding all members of the House of Peers and all registered paupers, only one person in four lived beyond his annual income; or, in other words, only one person in four had occasion to borrow money to meet his yearly expenditure. Assuming that these statistics were applicable to so many members of the Serious Family as elected to become subscribers to the projected Provident Loan Fund, it followed that for every four annual subscriptions of twelve pounds, only one annual loan of twenty-four pounds would be applied for, leaving a clear annual balance of twenty-four other pounds in the fund's favor. But Mr. Tom Poulton did not close his eyes to the possibility that statistics which held good when applied to thirty-five million people, including women and children, might stand in need of some modification before they became applicable to an exceptional gathering of seventy or eighty young and middle-aged persons, among whom were no women and no children. He very fairly admitted the exceptional character of the club, in the course of his speech on the motion that the fund should be instituted, but he contended that if as many as one in three, instead of one in four, were to apply at the year's end for the loan of twenty-four pounds, the result would show a clear balance of fifty per cent, in favor of the projected fund. He went on to show that if an application from one in three resulted in a profit of fifty per cent., an application from one in one and a half would result in a profit of twenty-five per cent.; or, carrying the principle still further, an application from one in three-quarters would result in a profit of twelve and a half per cent.; from which an easy calculation would show that if every member of the Loan Fund who had subscribed twelve pounds were to insist on borrowing twenty-four, the clear annual profit in favor of the club would be fifteen and five-eighths per cent., and Mr. Tom Poulton would undertake, in writing, to be responsible for the accuracy of his calculation. It was immediately proposed that this fund be forthwith instituted, and the proposition was carried by acclamation. Mr. Tom Poulton was immediately elected Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and Trustee of the fund, and the whole club became subscribers to it.

Now this was one of Mr. Tom Poulton's practical jokes. Mr. Tom Poulton had, among other valuable gifts, a keen sense of humor, or rather, indeed, that it was in no degree blunted if the joke turned against himself. Most of Mr. Tom Poulton's practical jokes turned against himself, and the particular joke that Mr. Tom Poulton perpetrated in connection with the Serious Family Provident Loan Fund proved especially disastrous to Mr. Tom Poulton, and, in the long run, especially beneficial to his intended victims, the subscribers to the fund.

As the year drew toward its close, and as all the twelve-pound subscribers to the fund intimated their intention of applying for loans of twenty-four pounds apiece, (leaving a clear annual balance of fifteen and five-eighths per cent. in favor of the fund, according to Tom Poulton's own showing,) Tom Poulton began to cast about for another joke that should have the effect of eclipsing, by the richness of its humor, the humor of the fund joke, and of obliterating, by the force of its agreeable *dénouement*, all recollection of the disappointment that would be occasioned by the *dénouement* of the fund joke.

One morning Mr. Tom Poulton called upon Mr. Richard Harris, the Secretary of the Serious Family. Mr. Harris was the chosen abettor of Mr. Poulton's little jokes. He also acted the part of Traitor-in-Ordinary to that gentleman, and brought all his ingenuity to bear upon the best means of causing Mr. Poulton's jokes to recoil on himself. But Mr. Poulton's keen sense of humor reconciled him to all misfortunes that peceeded from it, and he and Mr. Harris were on the best of terms.

"Harris," said Tom Poulton, "I've arranged another sell for the Family, and I want your help."

"It is yours," said Harris. "Details?"

"You are aware that all the Family will be down on me, in six weeks' time, for their twenty-four pound loans? Well, before they shall dun I'm going to die."

"Don't do that," said Harris.

"Yes, my mind's made up. Listen. I've found an old man of my name—Tom Poulton; I advertised for him. He is wretchedly poor, and he lives all by himself in Clump Cottages, Haverstock Hill."

"Well?"

"Well, he can't live three weeks, and I've taken lodgings in his house."

"Still I don't see——"

"You're very dull. He can't live three weeks—that is to say, in three weeks he'll die and he'll be buried. The Family must hear of it through you, they will all come to the funeral, and I'll turn up among them."

"But if you die, and don't repay them their money they have subscribed to the fund, I don't think they will come to the funeral."

"Yes, I've arranged about that. I'll make my will, leaving everything I have to be equally divided among them. The will must be opened by you immediately after my demise. I'll appoint you executor, and I'll leave you—I'll leave you a hundred pounds for your trouble."

"Thank you—thank you heartily."

"Spend it judiciously, Richard—when you get it."

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"On the 17th November, at No. 3 Clump Cottages, Haverstock Hill, Thomas Poulton, Esq., of the Inner Temple, Barrister-at-Law."

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The Serious Family were very angry at Tom Poulton's death. He had pocketed nearly a thousand pounds of their money, and out of this sum they had counted on borrowing two thousand at Christmas. But by their Chairman and Treasurer's demise, not only was there no prospect of effecting the contemplated loan, but it became a very serious question whether they would ever see any of the paid-up capital again. It was voted abominable on Tom Poulton's part to die at such a crisis, and nobody expressed any intention of going to his funeral. However, Mr. Dick Harris completely justified Tom Poulton's dying by producing his will at the first meeting the will left everything that Tom Poulton possessed to the society, to be divided equally among its members, and as Tom Poulton had three or four hundred a year from house property, every one expressed an intention of going to his funeral.

The fact was plain, not to say naggrie, in its appointments; but no doubt Dick Harris, as executor, did not feel justified in putting the Serious Family to any unnecessary expense. It was voted thoughtful in Dick Harris, and never did any body of men feel more thoroughly convinced of the vanity of funeral pomp than did the members of the Serious Family as they stood round poor Tom Poulton's grave.

But between the demise and burial of the Tom Poulton who actually did die, Mr. Dick Harris had made an important discovery.

The Tom Poulton who did die turned out to be an extraordinarily wealthy old miser. His mattress was stuffed with bank notes, and so was his easy chair, and under the boards of his room was gold to the amount of eight or nine thousand pounds. Moreover, he appeared to have died intestate; at all events, the only will that was found was the will made in favor of the Serious Family by the Tom Poulton who did not die. In the absence of any other testamentary document applying to the property of the Tom Poulton who did die, Mr. Dick Harris had as alternative but to apply to it the testamentary document drawn up and signed by the Tom Poulton who did not die. I will not attempt to describe how the grief of the Serious Family for the loss of Tom Poulton was tempered by the rapture with which they learnt that his estate was worth altogether some thirty or forty thousand pounds.

The day of Tom Poulton's funeral was a bitterly cold one. A drizzling November mist shrouded one half of the funeral party from the other half, and all were drenched to the skin. There had been much moralizing among the mourners on the good qualities of poor Tom Poulton, on the eccentric whim that induced him to hoard away so much good money, and on the irreparable loss—almost irreparable—loss that his death would cause to the Family. As they stood round poor Tom Poulton's grave, discoursing in saddened whispers to this effect, they were naturally rather surprised to find, poor Tom Poulton standing among them, his eyes red with weeping and his general appearance carefully contrived to convey the idea that his grief at his own death was unbounded. It was natural enough that he should be sorry for his own death; the only unaccountable feature in the matter was his being present as a live mourner at his own funeral. This consideration appealed powerfully to Mr. Peter Hodgson, the member of the Serious Family who first became conscious of Mr. Tom Poulton's presence among them.

At first Mr. Peter Hodgson was not at all surprised. Mr. Tom Poulton was so thoroughly identified with all gatherings of the Serious Family, particularly with all funerals of deceased members, (for it was a point of honor with the Family to muster in full strength on such occasions,) that Mr. Peter Hodgson accepted his presence almost as a matter of course. His attention, however, was directed to the anomaly by Tom Poulton's first remark.

"Whose funeral is this?" said Tom.

Peter turned dead white.

"Why it's—it's yours, Tom," said Peter.

"Mine?"

"Yes, Tom—yours."

"This is scarcely a place or time for a joke, Sir," said Tom, sternly.

"Joke!" said Peter, "it's no joke! Didn't you die last week?"

"Nonsense!"

"Well, anyway, we're burying you, Tom Poulton!"

"Why do you call me Tom Poulton?"

"Aren't you Tom Poulton?"

"Certainly not—I don't even know the name—I happened to be passing through the Cemetery, and, seeing a large crowd of mourners, I joined them from motives of mere curiosity."

"Then, Sir," said Peter Hodgson, "I never saw such a wonderful likeness of the very man we are burying in the whole course of my life!"

Tom glided mysteriously away from Peter Hodgson and made his way into the throng of mourners.

"Tom!" said another; "why we are burying you!"

"My name, Sir, is not Tom, and I have never been buried in my life!"

"Tom Poulton!" "Tom Poulton!" "Tom Poulton's alive and present!" passed from mouth to mouth, as the astounded Serious Family gazed in horror on his familiar but by no means vulgar features.

"Gentlemen," said Tom Poulton, "I must again assure you that you are deceived by an accidental resemblance; I am not Tom Poulton, and I never heard of him."

And with a slight bow he walked away.

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The principal topic of conversation that night, at the meeting of the Serious Family, was the miraculous appearance of somebody very like Tom Poulton, at Tom Poulton's funeral. It was held that it couldn't possibly have been Tom Poulton, because Tom Poulton was dead and buried, and Tom Poulton's will had been opened, by which he left thirty or forty thousand pounds in ready money to the Serious Family. This was held by implication only, as it never entered anybody's head to suggest that the mysterious stranger could possibly have been Tom Poulton.

The club had resolved itself into a committee to consider the best means of investing, or otherwise disposing of, the handsome legacy which Tom Poulton had left them.

It was decided, as a first step, that, as a mark of respect to poor Tom Poulton's fund scheme, every member should be permitted to borrow twenty-four pounds from Tom's estate.

The question then arose whether it would be better to apply the balance to allowing every member a reasonable quantity of spirits and tobacco for life, without any payment whatever, or to divide it equally among the surviving members—a course of procedure that would give every member, after allowing for probate and executorial expenses, nearly £100 each.

As this interesting question was being put to the meeting by Mr. Richard Harris, Mr. Tom Poulton walked in.

Everybody looked very uncomfortable. Mr. Peter Hodgson, however, quickly recovered himself.

"Sir," said he, "this is a private club-room, and strangers are not admitted unless they are introduced by members."

"Ha! ha!" said Tom; "bravo, Peter!"

"Sir," said another, "we don't know who you are, but we must request you to withdraw."

"Allow me to introduce myself," said Tom, with much mock gravity. "I am Mr. Tom Poulton, whose funeral you attended this morning." And he took a chair and filled a pipe.

"If you imagine, Sir, that because you bear a certain distant resemblance to our poor friend Tom Poulton, you are justified in horrifying his friends with a highly-indecent practical joke—" began Peter Hodgson.

"A distant resemblance!"

"A very distant and shadowy resemblance, Sir. Nothing more, I assure you."

"Don't be a fool, Peter," said Tom; "we've had enough of this, haven't we, Dick?"

"We have, Sir," said Dick; "I must insist on your withdrawing immediately."

"Come, come," said Tom, rather chapfallen; "it was only my joke. I personated a poor old chap who happened to bear my name, in order to sell you all. Dick Hodgson and I arranged it together; didn't we, Dick?"

"Sir," said Dick, "I haven't the pleasure of your acquaintance. You will be good enough to withdraw, or we shall be under the necessity of expelling you by force."

And as the members of the club rose in a body, with the evident intention of carrying Dick Hodgson's threat into effect, Mr. Tom Poulton withdrew with a very blank expression of countenance.

In order to test the feeling of the club on the subject, it was immediately proposed by Mr. Dick Harris, and seconded by Mr. Peter Hodgson, that Mr. Tom Poulton was dead and buried. The motion was carried by acclamation.

It was then proposed by Mr. Peter Hodgson, and seconded by Mr. Dick Harris, that if by any miracle, Mr. Tom Poulton came to life again, the whole of the legacy should be refunded to him, if possible, without driving him into Chancery for its recovery. This motion also was carried by acclamation.

Finally, it was proposed by Mr. Dick Harris, and seconded by Mr. Peter Hodgson, that the person who had just represented himself to be Tom Poulton restored to life was not in the least like Tom Poulton, and that he had no claim, and never by any possibility could have any claim, to the legacy in question. This motion, also, was carried by acclamation.

The question was considered settled by all but Tom Poulton himself.

Tom Poulton besieged the club doors day after day, but to no effect. The hall porter—they had started a hall porter and many other conveniences since Tom Poulton's death—had received strict injunctions not to admit any person calling himself Tom Poulton. As a treated, Tom kindly enough, believing him to be a harmless monomaniac, but no consideration could induce him to admit Tom within the club threshold.

Tom next tried the parish surgeon who gave the certificate of the dead Tom Poulton's death. But all the surgeon could prove was that the Tom Poulton who died was not at all like the Tom Poulton who stood before him. On the whole, this materially strengthened the club's case, particularly as the description given by the surgeon of the dead Tom Poulton's personal appearance corresponded exactly with every member's recollection of the unfortunate Chairman of the Serious Family. It was finally voted that, on the surgeon's evidence, poor Tom Poulton was more dead than ever.

Do what he might, Tom Poulton could not prove himself to be alive. Nobody would hear of it for a moment. He appealed (at some pecuniary loss) to his tradesmen for identification. They identified him without hesitation as the Tom Poulton who owed them money, but they furnished no clue that would serve to identify him with the Tom Poulton who had been Chairman of the Serious Family.

He never rested. He prepared petitions, but no one would present them. He commenced actions, but he broke down at the declaration for want of money. He called day after day at the club, but the hall porter was adamant. He addressed letter after letter to every member of the club, and inclosed stamped envelopes for reply, but they tore up the envelopes and applied the stamps to other uses.

At first these appeals amused the club immensely, but after six or eight months' persecution, the Family began to get tired of it. The *sot-disant* Tom Poulton was voted a bore, and at length it was solemnly proposed that negotiations should be opened with him with the view of arriving at some compromise. Mr. Tom Poulton was formally invited into the club-room, but he was informed that for the purposes of that meeting his name was Major-Gen. Arthur Fitzpatrick. Tom was reduced to that condition of self-abnegation that he really had no objection to this arrangement.

It was then and there arranged with Major-Gen. Arthur Fitzpatrick that so long as Tom Poulton continued to be dead an annual allowance of one hundred pounds should be paid, quarterly, to the Major-General by the Committee of the Serious Family. The Major-General accepted this proposition with alacrity, and he was forthwith elected an honorary life member of the Serious Family, vice Tom Poulton, deceased.

And Major-Gen. Fitzpatrick accepted his election, and eventually became Chairman of the club. And poor Tom Poulton lies dead and buried at a salary of a hundred a year, payable quarterly in advance. On one occasion, indeed, when the Major-General's quarterly instalment was some three weeks in arrears, poor Tom Poulton showed strong symptoms of revivification, but his disturbed spirit was eventually appeased by an additional advance of five pounds on account of the Major-General's next quarter's salary.—*W. S. Gilbert, in The Dark Blue.*

SPOTS ON THE SUN.—Many theories have been advanced with regard them. GALILEO thought they were pitchy scum, surmounted by clouds, thrown up from the heated body of the sun and wafted around on an illuminated atmosphere. But his means of observation were imperfect. It did not occur to him to use a colored glass, and his observations were confined to periods when the sun was near the horizon or veiled by clouds or fog. When they came to be better observed, this theory was abandoned, as well as many others that succeeded it. About 1773 Prof. ALEXANDER WILSON, of Glasgow, advanced another theory, founded upon a careful examination of the aspects of the spots; which, with some modifications from late discoveries, obtains at the present time. His idea was that they were conical cavities in the illuminated surface of the sun, analogous to cyclones in the atmosphere of the earth, showing a darker stratum of the sun at the bottom. The normal condition of a well-developed sun-spot may be described as consisting of a very dark centre, varying in shape, called the umbra, which is the lower and darker stratum at the bottom of the vortex, surrounded by a gray marginal disk, much larger, called the penumbra, which is the conical or funnel-shaped cavity in the luminous surface. Sometimes a still darker spot is seen on the umbra, called the nucleus, which is presumed to be an opening into a still lower stratum. The sun rotates in twenty-five and a half days; but as the earth advances in its orbit in the same direction, its apparent rotation to us is 27.3 days; and the average passage of a spot across the disk is about thirteen and a half days. As the spot first makes its appearance on the eastern edge of the hemisphere, it is seen only as a long, narrow line of the penumbra,—as if one were approaching the crater of a volcano from a level, and got sight of the opposite side of crater. The next day, as it advances, a glimpse of the umbra is seen, as if over the edge of the nearest side of the cone, and so on, till it approaches the centre of the disc, and gives a view into the whole cavity, as if one were suspended in a balloon directly over the crater. As the spot rotates toward the western edge these aspects are reversed. It was from these appearances that WILSON founded his theory. We know now, that what we see of the sun, except through these spots, and at the time of a total eclipse, is an intensely luminous envelope, called the photosphere, consisting of incandescent metallic gases, in which iron, copper, sodium, and many other metals, are held in a gaseous condition by the intense heat. The idea now is that these gases, becoming cooled by contact with external space, or a cooler external atmosphere, are precipitated, and rush in descending currents toward the centre, breaking away the photosphere, and exposing lower and less luminous strata. This is confirmed by the spectroscope, which shows the presence of descending currents in the penumbra, and by stereoscopic views, which present the spots as funnel-shaped cavities. It was once thought that the umbra was part of a solid crust of the sun, if there is anything solid there; but the spectroscope shows it to be composed of incandescent gases, in constant agitation, and it would doubtless appear luminous, were it not in such juxtaposition with the photosphere.—*J. J. Dixwell, in the Atlantic Monthly.*

NOVELS.—Novels have become so important a branch of literature—so much mental and moral power is engaged in the production of good ones, and so great is their value as representations of human life—that it is provoking to think that so large a portion of the public, with the best and the most entertaining novels at their command, should be deluded into reading the worst and the most tiresome—novels which have no charm of style, no felicity in the invention and conduct of a story, no vivid painting of scenery or manners, no power of conceiving and consistently developing character, no insight into the affections, sentiments, passions, and thoughts of human nature, and especially no effect in peopling the mind with new friends and acquaintances, ideal in their mode of existence, but intensely real to the heart and imagination whose wants and aspirations they impersonate, and whose sentiments they both purify and please. A person whose brain is filled with these "beings of the mind" is attended by a crowd of inspirers and comforters, who cling to him when other friends desert him—who soothe, cheer, animate, and enrich his existence—and from them he can and lay counting company and more and better feelings than solitude away. But these is nothing genuine and satisfying in the society with which bad novelists would fill the imagination. Burglars, highwaymen, murderers, pirates and assassins are their heroes. Their poverty of mind is such that they can produce no effects, no "thrilling" incidents, but by a continual use of the coarsest stimulants of romance.—*Success and its Conditions, by E. P. Whipple.*

A VIRTUOSO.

"Art is the hiatus of Humanity."—*Popular Error.*

Be seated, pray. "A grave appeal?"
The sufferers by the war, of course;
Ah, what weight for us, who feel—
This monstrous *adlodyame* of Force!
We, sir, we connoisseurs, should know
On whom its heaviest burden falls;
Collections shattered at a blow,
Museums turned to hospitals!

"And worse, you say; "the wide distress!"
Alas, 'tis true distress exists,
Though let me add, our worthy Press
Have no mean skill as colorists;—
Speaking of color, next your seat
There hangs a sketch from Vernet's hand;
Some Moscow fancy, incomplete,
Yet not indifferently planned;

Note specially the gray old Guard,
Who tears his tattered coat to wrap
A clean bandage round the scarred
And frozen comrade in his lap;—
But, as regards the present war,
Now don't you think our pride of peace
Goes—may I say it?—somewhat far
For objects of benevolence?

You hesitate. For my part, I—
Though ranking Paris next to Rome,
Æsthetically—still reply
That "Charity begins at Home."
The words remind me, Did you catch
My so-named "Hunt?" The girl's a gem;
And look how those lean rascals watch
The pile of scraps she brings to them!

"But your appeal's for home," you say,
"For home, and English poor?" Indeed!
I thought Philanthropy today
Was blind to mere domestic need—
However sore—Yet though one grants
That home should have the foremost claims,
At least these Continental wants
Assume intelligible names;

While here with us—Ah! who could hope
To verify the varied pleas,
Or from his private means to cope
With all our shrill necessities?
Impossible! One might as well
Attempt comparison of creeds;
Or fill that huge Malayan shell
With these half-dozen Indian beads.

Moreover, add that every one
So well exalts his pet distress,
'Tis—Give to all, or give to none,
If you'd avoid invidiousness.
Your case, I feel, is sad as A's;
The same applies to B's and C's;
By my selection I shouldraise
An alphabet of rivalries;

And life is short.—I see you look
At yonder dish, a priceless bit;
You'll deal it drawn in Brongniart's book,
They say that Raphael painted it;—
And life is short, you understand,
So, if I only hold you out
An open though an empty hand,
Why you'll forgive me, I've no doubt.

Nay, do not rise. You seem amused;
And yet one must have principle!
'Twas on these grounds I just refused
Some gushing Lady Bountiful.—
Believe me, on these very grounds.
Good-bye, then. Ah, a rarity!
That cost me quite three hundred pounds,—
The Diner figure,—"Charity."

AUSTIN DOBSON.

—*In Saint Paul's Magazine.*

ROBINSON CRUSOE.—It was an old man—for a man so buffeted with the storms of fortune may be reckoned old at fifty-nine—and it was, as we have said, after a fit of apoplexy, that DEFOE produced his unrivaled story. Like RICHARDSON, he won his fame at a period when, in most men, the imaginative faculty becomes dormant. DEFOE was, in his staid Dutch fashion, a consummate literary artist. There have been greater novelists, but not one, we think, who has shown more skill in the management of his materials, or produced so fine an effect from the accumulation of prosaic details. *Robinson Crusoe* became famous immediately, has been famous ever since, and is likely to continue popular so long as literature endures. In this tale DEFOE exhibits an intense imagination which at times leads him to the verge of poetry. All his fictions display an infinite amount of invention, and of practical experience; but the first and best of them is perhaps the only one in which the supreme faculty comes into play, the only one that awakens strong emotion in the reader and carries him, despite the homely, colloquial style of narrative, into a region of high romance. Crusoe's lonely isle has a more familiar hold upon our boys than any historic site with which they are acquainted. Few spots distinguished in geography have a greater interest than this. It is something to discover an island, but it is better to create one, and DEFOE's freehold is more precious, and bids fair to be more permanent than any possessed by Duke or Marquis. "This man could have founded a colony as well as governed it," said a statesman after reading DEFOE's great novel. Dr. JOHNSON, it will be remembered, said that *Robinson Crusoe* was one of the few books a reader would wish longer. MARMONTEL observed that it was the first book he ever read with exquisite pleasure; and ROUSSEAU wrote: "Since we must have books, this is one which in my opinion is a most excellent treatise on natural education. This is the first my Emilius shall read; his whole library shall long consist of this work." Similar quotations might, of course, be multiplied by scores, but a tale that has been accepted by the world needs not the commendation of men of letters. Yet those of us who still rejoice in this book of our boyhood, must have heard or read with no common pleasure the remarks made some time ago at the banquet of the Royal Geographical Society by one of the most illustrious of our scientific men. Prof. OWEN, in alluding to "the most popular of all records of geographical discovery and adventure," made by "the adventurous mariner, Robinson Crusoe," said: "It is unfortunate that lack of instruments for lunar observations prevented the determination of the precise locality of the most celebrated of the islands which he discovered. But when we reflect on the influence of the literary results of his expeditions in stimulating the youth of all nations to geographical exploration and adventure, we may hope in that noble hall, which the prophetic vision of our President doubtless sees rising in the future, that a statue of Crusoe may be raised from the sole remaining authentic portrait which adorns the frontispiece of the first edition of his famous geographical work.—*The Cornhill Magazine.*

THE UNITY OF GERMANY.—Now I say at once that I cannot look upon the establishment of German unity as an evil, and I say this in spite of the prejudices of a part of my countrymen and of the authority of eminent men whose judgment on so many other points I respect as both wise and sound. I say it with less hesitation because this is not an opinion taken up by me after the event. I took no part in those paroxysms of patriotism which followed Sadowa; and in the pulpit of Notre Dame, when handling these questions at their summits, where they came into contact with morals and religion, I used every effort to show that her neighbors were no dangerous competitors of France, but rather friendly rivals, and natural allies, and in many respects even useful models. I say therefore that France had no cause for uneasiness at the formation of a first-class political and military power at her very doors, and that the unity of Germany need not have been looked upon either as a humiliation or a menace.

Certainly not a humiliation; for it is with nations as with individuals. When, like France, they are really great, it is not necessary to level everything around for their greatness to be more apparent. The true elements of a nation's greatness lie in herself—in the regular progressive development of her institutions, and in the growth of material prosperity, or still more of moral and intellectual wealth. To seek for greatness abroad by arrogant interference in foreign affairs is both an illusion and a crime; it is a policy of envy; and of all policies none is so inconsistent with the ancient glory and the heroic nature of France.

Nor was German unity a menace. Had France but spoken in those tones which are as persuasive on the lips of a nation as of an individual—had she but proclaimed her determination to respect the liberty of Germany—if everything that bore on her interests, organization, had she but repudiated all intention of conquest, in respect to the provinces on the Rhine, which had no more desire to be French than Alsace and Lorraine have to be German; had she but refrained from making any movement toward the sacred river along whose waters roll the historical and legendary traditions of Germany—had she done this, she would not have had any German invasion to fear, or in the case of such an impossible invasion, she would have had the whole of Europe on her side.

It was thus neither our interest nor our right to oppose the unity of Germany. I am not afraid to say that our interest was rather to forward that unity. There are certain results against which no opposition can prevail, because their accomplishment is part of the nature of things; the nation demands them, the logical development of its history leads to them, it is by a fate; they seem plainly to be part of the order of Providence. The policy of an intelligent nation ought to foresee these events, and instead of opposing obstacles to them which can never be of use and are sure ultimately to be turned against herself, will give them a free scope, and thus secure them to her own service.—*France and Germany—By Father Hyacinthe.*

GEN. GRANT A MAN OF GRIT.—A peculiar kind of grit, not falling under any of the special expressions I have noted, yet partaking in some degree of all, is illustrated in the character of Gen. GRANT. Without an atom of pretension or rhetoric, with none of the external signs of energy and intrepidity, making no parade of the immovable purpose, iron nerve, and silent, penetrating intelligence God has put into him, his tranquil greatness is hidden from superficial scrutiny behind a cigar, as President LINCOLN's was behind a joke. When anybody tried to coax, wheedle, overawe, browbeat or deceive LINCOLN, the President mused his leg, and was reminded of a story; when anybody tries the same game with GRANT, the General listens, smokes, waits. If you try to wheedle out of him his plans for a campaign, he stolidly smokes; if you call him an ass—as, and a blunderer, he blandly lights another cigar; if you praise him as the greatest General living, he placidly returns the puff from his Regalia; and if you tell him he should run for the Presidency, it does not disturb the equanimity with which he inhales and exhales the unsubstantial vapor which typifies the politicians's promises. While you are wondering what kind of man this creature without a tongue is, you are suddenly electrified with the news of some splendid victory, proving that behind the cigar, and behind the face discharged of all tell-tale expression, is the best brain to plan and the strongest heart to dare among the Generals of the Republic.—*Success and its Conditions—By E. P. Whipple.*

THE MANAGEMENT OF CHILDREN.—There is a tendency, we think, at the present day to put children too forward, not so much for the sake of showing off their extraordinary merits to an admiring world, as from the better motive of early accustoming them to the conversation of grown people and the usages of society, and of inspiring them with confidence, ease, and self-possession. No doubt these results are very valuable; but the mistake which many people make is in forgetting that children are something like dogs, which require to be very well trained before they can safely be recommended to the familiarity of strangers. And it is to be remembered that the noisiest children cease to respect any of the grown-up people with whom they associate, not only to the whole benefit of the intercourse lost at once, but real injury is inflicted on the moral tone of the child. For this reason children should be brought as little as possible into the society of men and women who cannot command their respect; while of those who can, the influence should be hedged round by all the numerous impalpable barriers which judicious parents know perfectly well how to interpose between children and the most popular and careless of their adult playfellows. The confidence which well-bred children at once repose in an eligible stranger, without being either rude or troublesome, is charming to every body who has any natural taste for their society.

But closely allied with the mistaken license allowed to children in matters like the above is the disposition to laugh at, and thereby to encourage, all traits of singularity, oddness, or affectation which children may exhibit, as marks of genius which ought not to be repressed. Of all the dangerous errors into which parents can fall, this, in our opinion, is the worst. For nothing so soon hardens into second nature as juvenile eccentricity; and few things are more injurious to success in life than most foolish habits of manner and gesture when they reach the point of consciousness. The majority of the world agree with Mr. Peter Magnus in ascribing to it both by Germany and France has been one of the most fruitful causes of the prolongation of the strife. For myself, I have too high and too just an idea of my country to confound her moral integrity with her material integrity upon this point, or to believe that the mere possession of two provinces is so essential to her greatness that if she lost them she would forfeit her high pre-eminence in Europe. English history itself proves the contrary. When we retook Calais, the town which was spoken of as a loaded pistol directed against the heart of France, that event was looked upon in England as a public misfortune, and your Queen went to her tomb with the fatal name of Calais engraved upon her heart. But what Englishman of the present day ever regrets the loss of Calais? And just so it will be, I doubt not, if Strasburg and Metz are taken away from us. It is less for their strategic importance that we cling so tenaciously to those two cities than for the heroic loyalty which they have displayed towards France, and which France owes to them. Alsace and Lorraine desire to remain French, and they will prove it by their votes, as they have declared it by shedding their blood; and it is the duty of France, both to them and to herself, not to abandon them.

"On the other hand, Germany is wrong in regarding the annexation of these provinces as a final guarantee against aggression from our side. Let the new German Empire be moderate as well as strong, and she will have nothing to fear from the attacks of a neighbor who will be at once weakened and grateful. Whatever opinion others may have, I believe in the gratitude of nations, and more especially in that of my own generous country. The true guarantee for Germany are the relations of good neighborhood and a sincere and permanent alliance with us; and the best pledge of such an alliance would be to allow Alsace and Lorraine to continue in the national unity of France. Those provinces you will say are German, both by history and language, and I willingly admit it; but they are pervaded by the spirit of France, and they are ours by the energy and persistence of their patriotism. Alsace and Lorraine form a natural and living bond between these two great nations. They are, as it were, the hand—I might almost say the heart—of Germany, reposing affectionately in the hand and heart of France."—*France and Germany—By Father Hyacinthe.*

SMALL-POX.—It is a well-known fact that when persons have once had the small-pox they seldom or never take it again, and that the disease known as cow-pox is a modified form of small-pox, and that persons who have had this modified form of small-pox are as little liable to take this disease as those who have had the small-pox itself. This was the great discovery of JENNER, and the practice of vaccination has more than realized the hopes of its discoverer and his friends. Where vaccination has been carried out with energy, and communities by wise laws or individual action have seen that every child is duly vaccinated, there small-pox has not spread. It appears that where communities are all properly vaccinated, there, even if an isolated case of small-pox does occur, it has no pabulum to feed on, and it does not spread. It is only when the small-pox contagion is communicated to unvaccinated persons that the disease is set up, and has sufficient vitality to spread through a community. Forty-five millions of persons died in Europe from small-pox in the century preceding the introduction of vaccination, while it is calculated that it has not killed more than two millions of persons in Europe since the introduction of vaccination. In London, during the last century, one death in every fourteen was due to small-pox. Up to the present time in this century not more than one-fifteenth of the persons who have died in London have died of this disease. Greater differences than even this have been observed in some of the cities and towns of the Continent of Europe. At Trieste the deaths from small-pox have been seventy-five times less than before vaccination; in Moravia, twenty-one times less; in Silesia, twenty-nine times less; in Westphalia, twenty-five times less; and in Berlin, nineteen times less.—*Nature.*

LOVE'S COLORS.

Not violets I gave my love,
That in their life are sweet and rare,
And deep in color, as the heart
Whose every thought of her is prayer;
For violets grow pale and dry,
And lose the semblance of her eye.

No lily's buds I gave my love,
Though she is white and pure as they;
For they are cold to smell and touch,
And blossom but a single day;
And proud by love, in love's own page,
They yellow into early age.

But cyclamen I chose to give,
Whose pale white blossoms at the tips
(All else as driven snow) are pink,
And mind me of her maiden lips;
Still till this flower is kept and old
Its worth to love is yet untold.

Old, kept and kissed, it does not lose
As other flowers the hues they wear;
Love is triumphant, and this bloom
Will never whiten from desire;
Rather it deepens as it lies,
The flower that purples when it dies.

So shall my love, as years roll by,
Take kingly colors for its own;
Sole master of her vanquish'd heart,
Am I not master of a throne?
Crush'd by no foot, not pass away,
My purple love shall rule the day.

C. C. FRASER-TYTLER.

—*In Saint Paul's Magazine.*

SOME FACTS ABOUT GREENLAND.—Lieut PAYER, well-known for his geological investigations in the Alps, has lately communicated some facts in regard to discoveries in Greenland by the late German expedition, of which he was a member; and in this he calls attention especially to the probability of the hypothesis that Greenland is essentially a congeries of islands similar to that west of it, and not a large continental mass, as has been supposed by most authors. One strong evidence of this he considers to be furnished by the deep inlet discovered by the expedition, previously surrounded on any chart, and which received the name of Emperor Prince Joseph's Fiord. This was found to extend deeply into the interior of the land, gradually opening into peat areas, and widening in places until it was traced out for over one-third of the estimated breadth of Greenland, and without any indication of coming to an end. Indeed, in a south-westerly direction it opened out into what looked like a great basin, into which the fiord itself emptied. The circumstance also, that the saltness of the fiords is generally greatly diminished by the fresh water streams pouring in to them, when they are simply cut off and and the fact that the great Greenland fiord, notwithstanding the enormous addition of fresh water, retained all its saltness, pointed to a maritime communication with the opposite side of the country. Time was not allowed to the party to ascertain the explorations at this supposed strait; but it is believed, as stated, that it finds its opposite opening in Baffin's Bay. Another still more potent argument in favor of the assumption that Greenland is a congeries of islands, and not a continent, was found in the apparent absence of great longitudinal valleys, such as usually characterize continents, these being entirely wanting in the north-eastern part of Greenland.—*Nature.*

PRIVILEGED PERSONS.—One embodiment of the privileged person is she whose forte lies in saying unpleasant things with praiseworthy coolness. She prides herself on a reputation for smartness or for honesty, according to the character of her intellect, and she uses what she gets without stint or sparing. If she is clever, she is noted for her sarcastic speeches and epigrammatic brilliancy; and her mots are bandied about from one to the other of her friends; with an uneasy sense, however, in the laughter they excite. For every one feels that he who laughs today may have cause to wince to-morrow, and that dancing on one's own grave is by no means an exhilarating exercise. No one is safe with her—not even her nearest and dearest; and she does not care how deeply she wounds when she is about it. But her victims rarely retaliate; which is the chief part of the business. They console themselves meekly enough to the scalpel, and comfort themselves with the reflection that it's only pretty Fanny's way. And thereby is known to all the world as a privileged person, who may say what she likes.

Another exercise of peculiar privilege is to be found in the minor of flirtation. Some women are able to flirt with impunity to an extent which would simply destroy any one else. They flirt with the most delicious frankness, yet for all practical purposes they keep their place in society undisturbed and their repute intact. They have the art of making the best of two worlds, the secret of which is all their own, yet which causes the weak to stumble and the rash to fall. They ride on two horses at once, with a skill as consummate as their daring; but the feeble sisters who follow after them slip down between, and come to grief and public disaster as their reward. It is in vain to try to analyse the terms on which this kind of privilege is founded. Say that one pretty person takes the tone of universal relationship—that she has an illimitable fund of sisterliness always at command for a host of "dear boys" of her own age, or, when a little older and drawing near to the borders of mature womhood, that she is a kind of ecumenical aunt to a large congregation of well-looking nephews—she may steer safely through the shallows of this dangerous coast, and land at last on the *terra firma* of a respected old age; but let another try it, and she goes to the bottom like a stone. And yet the first has pushed her privileges as far as they will go, while the second has only played with them; but the one comes trimmed gaily into port with all colors flying, and the other makes ship wreck and is lost. And why the one escapes and the other goes down is a m

another once more. The privileged person, whom patient society has indorsed, must be young, pretty, charming, and a woman. Failing these conditions, she is a mere adventuress, whose discomfiture is not far off; with these, her patent will last just as long as they do. And when they have gone, she will degenerate into a "horror," at whom the bold will laugh, the timid tremble, and whose company the wise will avoid as too unpleasant to be borne.—*The Saturday Review.*

RACE.—Physical science is proving more and more the immense importance of race; the importance of hereditary powers, hereditary organs, hereditary habits, in all organised beings, from the lowest plant to the highest animal. She is proving more and more the omnipresent action of the differences between races; how the more favored race (she cannot avoid using the spiteful) exterminates the less favored, or at least expels it, and forces it, under penalty of death, to adapt itself to new circumstances; and, in a word, that competition between every man and every individual of that race, and reward according to deserts, is (as far as we can see) an universal law of living things. And she says—for the facts of history prove it—that as it is among the races of plants and animals, so it has been unto this day among the races of men.

The natural theology of the future must take count of these tremendous and even painful facts; and she may take count of them. For Scripture has taken count of them already. It talks continually—it has been blamed for talking so much—of races, of families; of their wars, their struggles, their exterminations; of races favored, of races rejected; of remnants being saved, to continue the race; of hereditary tendencies, hereditary excellencies, hereditary guilt. Its sense of the reality and importance of descent is so intense, that it speaks of a whole tribe or a whole family by the name of its common ancestor, and the whole nation of the Jews is Israel, to the end. And if I be told this is true of the Old Testament, but not of the New, I must answer, What? Does not St. Paul hold the identity of the whole Jewish race with Israel their forefather, as strongly as any prophet of the Old Testament? And what is the central historic fact, save One, of the New Testament, but the conquest of Jerusalem—the dispersion, all but destruction of a race, not by miracle, but by invasion, because found wanting when weighed in the stern balances of natural and social law?—*Canon Kingsley in Macmillan's Magazine.*

ST. MICHAEL'S CAVE.—The mouth is about 1,100 feet above the sea. We scrambled up to it, and first were led into an aperture in the rock some height above the true entrance of the cave. In this upper cavern we saw some tall and beautiful stalactite pillars. The water drips from the roof charged with bicarbonate of lime. Exposed to the air, the carbonic acid partially escapes, and the simple carbonate of lime, which is hardly at all soluble in water, deposits itself as a solid, forming stalactites and stalagmites. Even the exposure of chalk or limestone water to the open air partially softens it. A specimen of the Redbourne water exposed by Messrs. GRAHAM, MILLER and HOFMANN in a shallow basin, fell from eighteen degrees to nine degrees of hardness. The softening process of CLARK is virtually a hastening of the natural process. Here, however, instead of being permitted to evaporate, half the carbonic acid is appropriated by Nature; the half thus taken up, as well as the remaining half, being precipitated. The solid precipitate is permitted to sink, and the clear supernatant liquid is limpid soft water. We returned to the real mouth of St. Michael's Cave, which is entered by a wicket. The floor was somewhat muddy, and the roof and walls were wet. Our guide took off his coat, but we did not follow his example. We were soon in the midst of a natural temple, where tall columns sprang complete from floor to roof, while incipient columns were growing to meet each other, upward and downward. The water which trickles from the stalactite, after having in part yielded up its carbonate of lime, falls upon the floor mechanically underneath, and there builds the stalagmite. Consequently, the pillars grow from above and below simultaneously along the same vertical. It is easy to distinguish the stalagmite from the stalactite portion of the pillars. The former is always divided into apart segments by incoherent rings, as if deposited periodically, while the latter presents a uniform surface. In some cases the point of inverted cones of stalactite rested on the centres of pillars of stalagmite. The process of solidification and the architecture are alike beautiful. We followed our guide through various branches and arms of the cave, climbed and descended steps, halted at the edges of deep, dark chasms and apertures, squeezed ourselves through narrow passages, where the sober grey of my coat suffered less than the black of my companions. From time to time we halted, while Mr. CROCKER illuminated with ignited magnesium-wire the roof, columns, descending spears, and graceful drapery of the stalactite. Once, coming to a magnificent glacier of icicle like spears, we helped ourselves to specimens. There was some difficulty in detaching the more delicate ones, their fragility was so great. A conscientious sense of vandalism which smote me at the time haunts me still; for though our requisitions were moderate, this beauty ought not to be at all invaded. Pendent from the roof in their natural habitant, nothing can exceed their delicate beauty; they live, as it were, surrounded by organic connections. In London they are curious, but not beautiful. Of gathered shells, EMERSON writes:

"I wiped away the weeds and foam,
And brought my seaborn treasures home;
But the poor, unsightly, noisome things
Had lost their beauty on the shore,
With the sun, and the sand, and the wild uproar."
—*John Ingsdall in the Fortnightly Review.*

COLORING PIPES.—Consider, in the first place, a meerschaum pipe in its native purity of hue. It is a symbol of one of the most universal and, we might almost add, one of the most intellectual pleasures known to humanity. From a moral point of view it is suggestive of peace, of the calming of over-irritated nerves, and of general good-will toward mankind. Tobacco supplies one of the few comforts by which man who live by their hands solace themselves under incessant hardships, while it equally gives relief to the excited brain of those who depend upon intellectual labor. In all the wide scale of human beings which intervenes between the Red Indian and the German philosopher, there is no rank for which tobacco does not soften the harsh edges of daily life. Next to the man who invented sleep, we should pay gratitude to the benefactor who discovered the method of entering the confines of sleep during our waking hours. So great and universal a pleasure should surely have its outward signs to recall the memory of past happiness. Some of the highest artistic faculties have been called out in the effort to render more attractive the instruments which minister to the more sensual and dangerous passion for intoxicating drinks. If it is worth a man's while to ornament a drinking-cup with the labor of months or years, why should not an equal attention be bestowed upon pipes? The meerschaum is to the ordinary clay what the diamond is to agate, or gold to copper; but it must be admitted, if we judge from the specimens exhibited in tobacconists' shops, that it has hitherto employed only a very inferior order of talent. Yet the meerschaum has the special glory that, if skillfully handled, it is ornamented in the very process of enjoyment. It would require no ordinary power of language to point out the lovely gradation of colors through which the virgin white of the primitive material gradually deepens through a delicate amber down to the richest chestnut, and finally to the blackness of midnight. The great qualification for success, in this as in every other art, are thoughtfulness, attention, and a deep sense of responsibility. No man should choose a pipe recklessly, or smoke it with a regard only to the immediate pleasure; his great end should be always more or less distinctly before him; once fairly launched on the path of success, he should not allow himself to be hurried or deviated from his aim; and when at length his labors have produced the desired result, when the pipe is arrayed in all its glories of color, and every danger has been evaded by unremitting care, he should place it, before him on some safe pedestal as a record of former successes and a stimulus to new efforts. In the course of a long and virtuous life thus employed, it is a moderate estimate to say that a man might be surrounded with as many triumphs of skill as a great painter or sculptor. His pipes would descend as heirlooms to his posterity, and his children, as they counted them over, might reflect with pleasure on the many happy hours thus visibly embodied, and on the skill, self-command, and patience of which the colored meerschaums were the visible symbol. A collection of such pipes might ultimately be reckoned among the glories of the South Kensington Museum; or we might see suspended in the National Portrait Gallery the embodied pleasures of the great men whose pictures hang above.—*The Saturday Review.*

PRICES PAID FOR CELEBRATED WORKS.—Successful poets, nowadays, get what are called fancy prices for their productions. Mr. TENNYSON can always command his price, even for an inferior article; and some people are expressing their surprise that Mr. BROWNING should get £100 for his new poem, *Herve Riel*, which recently appeared in one of the magazines of the day. Some notes on the remuneration received by celebrated authors dead and gone may not be uninteresting. We all know what MILTON got for his *Paradise Lost*, namely, £5, with £5 for the second edition, and £8 afterward. DRYDEN, for his famous *Ode on St. Cecilia's Day*, received 250 guineas in all—a pretty fair comparison, we think, even with modern times; while POPE, for his poem bearing the same name, and intended, although unsuccessfully, to rival DRYDEN's master-piece, got only £15. OLIVER GOLDSMITH, for his *Vicar of Wakefield*, received £60. GAY, the author of the *Beggars' Opera*, made £1,000 by his poems; while Lord BYRON—perhaps the most successful poet that ever lived—made £15,000 by his works. For his *Lay of the Last Minstrel* Sir WALTER SCOTT received from CONSTABLE £600, and for his *Marmion* £1,050. THOMAS CAMPBELL's *Pleasures of Hope* realized £1,050, and his *Gertrude of Wyoming* 1,600 guineas. CRABBE received for his poems £3,000 from MURRAY. The *Irish Melodies* gave MOORE £500 a year. Certainly, in these latter days, really good poets have not had much reason to grumble; and perhaps, although the present is far from a poetical era, and our supply of first-rate poets is at the lowest ebb, passable poetry—even of the ordinary magazine sort—is better paid for than ever it was before.—*Once a Week.*

APRIL FOOLS' DAY.

Origin of the Custom of Making April Fools—The Day in Europe and Here.

Like many other customs, that of sending people on silly and fruitless errands on the first day of April, or "April Fools' Day," as it is commonly called, is lost in the mists of antiquity, a tolerably certain indication that the custom is not one of religious origin or having any connection therewith, as some have supposed. The custom exists, however, to a greater or less extent in all the countries of Europe, and something like it may be found in the East Indies at the time of the Hulifest. One of the explanations of the origin of the custom is, that it is intended to commemorate that incident of Biblical history in which Jesus was sent from Pilate to Herod, and back again from Herod to Pilate. At any rate, the phrase "Sending a man from Pilate to Herod," to signify the sending of a person about unnecessarily, is common enough in Germany and portions of Northern Europe. Others suppose the custom is derived, like many others, from the Romans, and the probability is that the first day of April being considered as the commencement of the Spring, and the termination of the long and dreary Winter, that the day gradually came to be regarded as one of general rejoicing and festivity, and that the tricks then played off by the participants in the feasts on each other were repeated from year to year, under the idea that "a good joke never grows old." However this may be, the custom of sending people on fruitless errands on the first day of April continues in full force over the greater portion of Europe. It is difficult for a person to walk through the streets of London or Paris on this day without his attention being called to something which does not exist, and hearing the cry from the London street boy of "April fool," or from the Paris *gamin* of *poisson d'Avril*, (April fish,) our Parisian friends being of the opinion, probably, that a fish is the silliest animal that exists. At the present moment the good people of Paris are engaged in clearer work than making "April fish," and no doubt they think their rulers have made April fools of them sufficiently, so that it is not likely the cry of *poisson d'Avril* will have been heard to any great extent in Paris yesterday. Throughout Great Britain old customs are fondly cherished, and there "April fools" are, on this day, as common as blackberries. Some grave and dignified gentlemen walking through Bond and Regent streets, suddenly become aware of a small parcel, or lady's glove, or a laced pocket-handkerchief, dancing like the Thanes "air-drawn dagger" before his eyes. Astounded at the phenomena, he puts out his hand to seize it, grasps the empty air, sees the article vanish and hears from the windows above the merry cry of "April fool;" or he finds a neatly-tied parcel lying on the pavement of some little frequented thoroughfare, and, on examining it, finds it to contain a fine specimen of the brick-bat, on which, perhaps, is neatly labeled the words "April fool." If, instead of being a dismissed gentleman, our supposed friend is an apprentice boy, he will most certainly be dispatched by his fellow-workmen for "a pint of pigeon's milk," or a gallon of "street oil," or he will be invited to look "a strikinger portrait of "the biggest fool in London," and will be somewhat astonished to find nothing more than his own reflection in a looking-glass. All these little jokes are taken in good part, however, as a general thing, and no one is the worse for them. In this country the custom seems to have taken root. So far as New-York is concerned we may walk from the Battery to Harlem, and never hear the cry of "April fool." In the country it is still less thought of, and there are not a few places in the country districts, where the custom has never even been heard of. Indeed, as a general thing, our people are not fond of practical jokes, and this may perhaps account for the fact of their almost ignoring April Fool's Day. Besides, we are a practical people, and cannot find time for such cheap and trivial amusements as delight the Old World brethren. Perhaps it might be better for them if we, in this respect, be content, however, to regard the first of April simply as the commencement of Spring, when it is not ushered in by a small snow-storm as it was yesterday, to feel grateful that the Winter is over, and to look forward to the gathering in of the fruits of the earth.

One of the most successful of April-fool jokes was practiced yesterday by the newsboys on Park-row. It consisted in gulling the coat of a passing stranger, and, as the culprit ran off, he left a handkerchief which he had previously concealed in his hand first out loosely behind him. Naturally the indignant stranger supposed that he had been robbed, and the chase which followed, and his disgust on finding—before he could catch the boy—that he had been "sold," were heartily enjoyed by the bystanders.

$13,000 WASTED.

A Young Man, Reputed Nephew of George Bancroft, in Jail on a Charge of Theft—The End of an Eight Months' Career of Dissipation.

From the Portsmouth (N. H.) Times.

The Police of this city have just made an important arrest, and Marshal KENT has taken to Exeter Jail a young man of less than twenty-five years whose career is so strange that we give it in detail.

A few days since a young man named CHARLES H. BANCROFT arrived at the Farragut and Atlantic Houses, Eye Beach. Although these Summer hotels are closed, he was welcomed by Mrs. FRIESRICK and her son, (the proprietors,) who reside in the cottage between the two hotels. He was, in fact, received as an old friend, having spent several seasons there with his father, mother and sisters, who were known to Mrs. FRIESRICK and to FRANK as persons of wealth and high social standing. Mr. H. BANCROFT, the father of this young CHARLES H., is at present a citizen of Emporia, Kansas, and is a brother of Hon. GEORGE BANCROFT, at present Minister to the Court of Prussia at Berlin.

The excuse the young man gave for visiting the Beach at this early date was, that he was getting through here and was requested by his father to engage rooms for the family for next Summer. Having concluded the business, he managed upon some pretext to borrow $5 of FRANK, and Mrs. FRIESRICK kindly volunteered to drive him to the North Hampton depot to take the train. During the ride he made some remarks about FRANK's watch and other valuables which excited her suspicions, and immediately on her return she spoke of it to her son. FRANK went to his room and discovered that it had been plundered. His gold watch and chain, diamond pin, cuff-buttons and studs were not to be found.

The Police of this city were notified, and traced him to Kittery, where he was evidently waiting for a Portland train. His conduct since he left the Beach with his plunder, if correctly stated, is strange for an apparently smart, intelligent young man, he seems to have acted without any plan, and as if he had been suddenly bereft of his natural shrewdness. He took the train at North Hampton but got off at Hampton without being seen by the conductor. Then he took the late train for this city Wednesday night and went to Kittery, where he remained over-night. When the officer found him he had the diamond pin conspicuous on his neck-tie, and the watch, &c., in his pockets. He made no attempt to escape, and finally confessed everything. He at first refused to tell who he was, and denied that BANCROFT was his real name. He was visited on Thursday by Mrs. PHILBRICK, and the good lady seemed more affected by his situation than did the young thief. He takes things coolly, and thinks he shall get out of the scrape in some manner. He admits that there is no one to blame but himself, and says he has spent $13,000 of his father's money since last June, but that of late he has been living on his "check" and his father's name.

Last season the family went to the Great Lakes and the North-west, instead of coming to Rye Beach, as usual. CHARLES H. took his spending-money and went to Long Branch. He is still well dressed, and does not look like a dissolute youth. He says his father educated him in Europe, and names several well-known railroad-men of the West as brothers of his mother.

He was taken before the Police Court and ordered to obtain bonds in the sum of $2,000 for appearance. Marshal KENT telegraphed to his father of the facts, and received the following reply:

EMPORIA, Kansas, March 24, 1871.
Cannot do anything for him. H. BANCROFT.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

There is a reformer in the British Parliament who seems to comprehend the wants of the age. Mr. CHARLEY lately gave notice that he should move "that the existing state of the legal profession is not satisfactory, and needs reform." Here now is a theme which those radical renovators in this country, who lost their occupation when slavery was abolished, and have been skirmishing about at woman suffrage meetings, labor reform conventions and temperance gatherings ever since, might adopt and settle down to steady work again. The task of cleansing the legal profession in this City alone might occupy them during their lifetime, and then something else will be ready for their successors to take hold of.

When affairs have come to the worst in any community, and law and order are not at defiance by the lowest class, it has been the habit of respectable citizens to organize vigilance committees for their own defense. There is a little place away out in Kansas, rejoicing in the name of La Cygne, in which the people have been forced to form a vigilance committee for the extermination of dogs. The canine portion of the population, it seems, so far got the upper hand as to disregard all the ordinances of the Common Council, and defy the power of the constituted authorities. There was imminent danger of a revolution in which the whole canine horde, "mongrel, puppy, whelp and hound, and cur of low degree," would run down the present administration and join in an indiscriminate scramble for the public offices, and the spoils which belong to the victors, and then, doubtless, celebrate their triumph in a doggerel epic. To prevent their public affairs from going to the dogs in this way, the patriotic citizens have rallied to the rescue, and are in a fair way to suppress these enemies of the Common weal, and reduce them to the subordinate position which they have hitherto held in all well-ordered communities.

Science is continually adding to the luxuries of life, and one of the latest achievements is a process for bottling sunbeams like so much currant-jelly, for future use. This is the discovery of a French Professor, who has contrived a vase which he fills with concentrated sunshine by exposing it for quarter of an hour to the solar rays. There would be something very comforting in this if one could accumulate a sufficient store of this substance to produce a private Summer for himself in Midwinter or dispel the gloom of a dismal day by setting up a little sunny nook in which to bask all by himself. In London, particularly, where the population are periodically submerged in a fog of the consistency of pea-soup, a few hogshead of extra fine sunbeams would be a glorious thing to have in the house. But, alas! the Professor has thus far been able to do no more than light a candle with his vase by means of a lens applied to the nozzle, so that the possessor of a box of lucifer matches has still the advantage of him, and his discovery is little better than moonshine.

A Kentucky woman lately demanded a divorce from her husband, her principal grievance being that he had too many names, and she did not know which was his true one. To her he was known as Martin, but the Police authorities in different sections of the country had become acquainted with him under a variety of appellations, and whether he appears as Smith, Brown, Robinson or Martin, he seems nowhere to have had a good name. In one place he was known as an embezzler, in another a defaulter, in a third a forger, and so on through the category of irregular occupations in which men of genius nowadays exercise their manifold talents. The plaintiff alleged that she was "made wretched in consequence of the suspicious character of the defendant," and prayed most earnestly of the honorable Court to be allowed to resume the untarnished patronymic of SHAW, which she had borne when her untried affections were won, or stolen, perhaps, by this wretched man of many names.

Some of the people of England seem to take very much at heart the new law which subjects them to the necessity of knowing something. It is a tyranny which they will not put up with, this having their children educated under their very noses. The high-spirited people of Bridgewater in particular, threaten to resort to extreme measures rather than submit to such an intolerable hardship. According to a writer for a London paper, a member of the school was thus addressed in that high-toned community: "'Well, master, and is this Bible truth what I du hear—that you gentlefolks is agoing to oddycate my children whether I like it or no?' The member of the Board explained. 'Well, master, you say as how they must be edycated; I says as how the musn't, and they shan't. I'll drown 'em first!'" The result is likely to be an improvement in the condition of Bridgewater, either by education or by the application of the Malthusian remedy for the evils of society, a thinning out of the population.

The dog has always been regarded as a very respectable animal, and though some reckless maligners of the canine race have used his name as an opprobrious epithet applicable to the worst specimens of humanity, his habits have on the whole been good, and his reputation for temperance and sobriety has hitherto been without a stain. There is said to be, however, at Memphis, Tenn., a dog who is in the daily habit of getting "beastly drunk" on ale, a circumstance so rare that the newspapers of the city are making special note of it. It will be a long time before the human race will reach that high degree of purity that a single case of habitual drunkenness will excite special comment.

Very interesting little romances are contained in the records of suits for a breach of promise of marriage, and one of the latest is a quiet pastoral, the scene of which is in Lincoln, England. A farmer of that place recently lost his wife, and a few days thereafter found some solace in sending her vacant garments to a washerwoman, not to be cleaned, but as a "remembrance." Three months afterward he was prepared for an advance of a still more significant character. He sent for the washerwoman and told her that she must not get engaged, as "he meant to marry her as soon as convenient." She seems to have received this announcement with a remarkable degree of equanimity, and as Barkis was not only "willin'," but "meant to marry" her anyhow, she had nothing to do but acquiesce and wait his convenience. As a still further token of his tender feelings, the former sent her a smoking pig as a present which, of course, was conclusive as to his intentions, and was tantamount to a solemn engagement. This quiet kind of courtship was going on most satisfactorily, when a meddling old woman with Calvinistic views suggested to the farmer that the washerwoman was also a shareholder, and told him he "ought not to be yoked with an unbeliever." This startling revelation so shocked the poor man that he could not think of continuing his suit. The woman sought a balm for her wounded feelings in pecuniary damages, and the jury awarded her one farthing, in addition to which she retained the sucking pig to cheer her loneliness.

We had thought witches were an obsolete institution, but a genuine specimen seems to survive in Dorsetshire, England, and she has been treated by an enlightened young farmer named JOHN BIRD, in the approved style of two hundred years ago. This intelligent BIRD became possessed of the idea that CHARLOTTE GRIFFIN, an old lady of eighty-six years, was "hag-riding" him. He used to see her come sailing in at his bedroom window on a broom-stick, and not liking the sight, attempted to put an end to it by flogging the old woman almost to death with a hazel stick. This process he recorded as a sovereign cure for witchcraft, but the magistrates did not look upon it as a public benefit, and so had him arrested. Thereupon he meekly pleaded "This will be a lesson to me, I will not beat her any more whether she hag-rids me or not." This penitance and promise of good behavior was not considered sufficient, and the BIRD was caged for a while. Dorsetshire is about two centuries behind the times in the matter of witchcraft.

New-Haven a short time ago had what its conscience-stricken inhabitants regarded as a visitation from the other world. The windows of certain houses were shaken, and the houses themselves moved uneasily on their foundations. Nothing but the powers of darkness, it was thought, could so unsettle the stability of the habitations of the solid men of New-Haven, and the people of the land of steady habits were startled from their propriety. Of course the houses were haunted, and the tenants told with white lips the thrilling tale of supernatural manifestations. New-Haven had a ghost story, a genuine sensation. The wise and learned took up the matter, and of course made nothing of it; but now along comes some prosy man of common sense, and declares that the strange vibrations are not caused by the restless ravings of perturbed spirits, but by the roaring of the dam (not the damned) on the Housatonic River, some furlongs away. Everybody sees it at once, and the community is tranquil. A little common sense in their midst is a vast benefit to the people of New-Haven.

Perhaps the believers in Mr. DARWIN's funny theories may find some comfort in human monstrosities as indicating that the race is in a condition of chronic metamorphosis on its way to a millennium, in which everybody will have two heads or four legs, or some of the interesting peculiarities with which only a few individuals are now endowed. The notion that we are the progeny of monkeys, the shaggy coats of our ancestors having been gradually polished away by the scythe of Time operating steadily upon many generations, may, perchance, derive some little support in the dearth of confirmatory facts from the condition of a family at Newport, N. H. The father is perfectly bald, and two or three of his children present the same degree of improvement upon the rest of the human race. The hirsute deformities on the head and face, which some in their folly have thought ornamental, are, it would seem, entirely disappearing under the tonsorial operations of father Time, and the Newport patriarch will, no doubt, prove the Adam of a new and improved race of beings.

AFTER THE FARO BANKERS.

The Police Break up Several Down-Town Dens—Old and Young Captured at the Game—Strange Medley at the Tombs.

Superintendent KELSO having been furnished with warrants issued by Justice DOWLING, on the affidavits of RICHARD M. BANKS, of No. 258 West Thirty-fifth-street, who testified that he had lost money at several places in the lower part of the City, at a game called "faro," his officers early yesterday afternoon made a descent upon four notorious "day games," and captured all the implements, together with a large number of prisoners, all of whom were at the time deeply interested in the hazardous amusement. A descent was made in the Sixth Ward, under the personal superintendence of Capt. KENNEDY, who with a posse of Police entered the rooms at No. 2 Chambers-street, kept by JOHN HUGHES and EDWARD AIMES, and arrested all in the place. The game was at the time in active progress. The proprietors and players were all taken into custody, and presented a motley crowd, of old men and boys, some apparently respectable, and some otherwise. Among the names given by the players were the following: George Phillips, of No. 182 Fell-street; Lowell Elliott, No. 154 East Forty-ninth-street; John Casy, No. 62 Tillary-street, Brooklyn; Benjamin Brown, No. 147 North Third-street, Brooklyn; Edward Stevens, No. 488 Seventh-street; James Page, No. 180 South Seventh-street, Brooklyn, E. D.; George Brown, No. 25 Market-street; John Harvey, No. 884 Yates-avenue, Brooklyn; Warden Brown, No. 174 Broadway; Edward Waters, No. 119 East Twentieth-street; John Hynes, No. 40 Ludlow-street; James Porter, No. 230 East Twenty-fifth-street; William Johnson, No. 431 Seventh-avenue; Benjamin Hyatt, No. 64 South First-street, Brooklyn, E. D.; Israel Hubert, No. 77 Dean-street, Brooklyn; Edward Hamilton, No. 126 West Fifteenth-street; Samuel Halliday, No. 61 Bank-street; Henry Case, No. 649 West Forty-second-street; Charles Brackett, No. 303 East Twelfth-street; Joseph Conley, No. 90 Chatham-street; John Whitney, residence refused; Stephen Stanley, Eighty-fourth-street and Third-avenue; William Mills, No. 34 Mulberry-street; James Koume, No. 64 Madison-street.

A raid in the Second Ward was made under the direction of Acting Capt. BLAIR, assisted by Sergt. FRYER and two squads of Police, as the descent had to be made on Nos. 13 and 17 Ann-street simultaneously. In this precinct the doors of the gambling dens were firmly barred, so that the Police in their efforts to effect an entrance were compelled to break down the barriers and force their way into the places. At No. 13 Ann-street about a dozen prisoners were captured, including the dealer, who is known by the name of "Butt" SCHOENHEIN. All the implements were taken possession of and removed by the Police, together with the arrested gamblers. The proprietor of the place, who is known as BILL BLACKIE, was not present at the time, and therefore escaped arrest. At No. 17 Ann-street a like number of persons were caught, having evidently been engaged in gambling. The proprietors of this place are JOHN FINCK and PATRICK HUGHES, but only the former was arrested, the latter being absent. FINCK is a very old man, and has long been engaged in the nefarious business, being known among gamblers as "Pop FINCK." His dealer, CHARLES HOWARD, was, however, captured, with the implements of the trade.

Capt. CHERRY superintended the raid made in the Third Ward, where a posse of Police made a descent upon No. 92 Vesey-street, kept by ALBERT WERT, and arrested nine players, who were at the time deeply interested in the game. All the implements were also here captured by the Police.

The prisoners were taken yesterday afternoon before Justice DOWLING at the Tombs, and were all ranged in front of the railing at one time. The Magistrate, after looking at each one singly with a penetrating gaze, addressed them to the following effect: The Superintendent of Police and himself had arrived at the conclusion, after a long consultation, that in order to improve the character of the City it would be necessary to break up the "faro" games, as well as that of "keno," and they had commenced with the "day games," as the frequenters of those places were generally persons who could ill afford to lose. Many of them were clerks, who after gambling away their own money were often tempted to steal that of their employers. He had heard that a certain ex-member of Congress was in the habit of receiving a commission of from ten to fifteen per cent. of the receipts of these games on the pretense that he had such influence over the Magistrates and Police that no such raids could be made; and he, the Magistrate, was resolved to show that no such influence could be exercised. He did not feel inclined at that time to further punish those who were mere players or spectators of the game; but if in future any such were found by the Police in gambling-houses, he should feel it his duty to treat them as vagrants and send them on "the Island." He would, however, hold the principals for trial, fixing the bail at $1,000 in each case. ALBERT WERT, of No. 92 Vesey-street, was the only one who produced responsible bail, and he was accordingly released, while the others were committed in default of bail.

In the case of FINCK and HOWARD, of No. 17 Ann-street, JEREMIAH H. FARRELL, of No. 15 Ann-street, offered himself as bondsman. Justice DOWLING hesitated to accept him, in consequence of the peculiar nature of his business. FARRELL replied that he was a responsible holder of real estate, and the Magistrate could not refuse to accept him as bail. Justice DOWLING thought different, and did refuse positively to accept him as bail in any case. FARRELL exhibited an overbearing and browbeating manner, and was politely requested to leave the Court, which he did.

The prisoners who are held for trial are "Butt" Scofield, John Finck, Charles Howard, Albert Wert, John Hughes and Edward Aimes.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Charleston—The City and Vicinity—A Trip to Some Old Plantations—Drayton Hall and its Traditions—Phosphate Works—Matters Miscellaneous.

From Our Special Correspondent.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Wednesday, March 29, 1871.

In the "Sunny South," the Palmetto State, and in that city where is supposed to be kept the cradle in which rebellion was nursed to the tune of "Put me in my little bed," there am I now, rejoicing in this glorious climate which, at this season of the year, is full of life, health and strength. Nor have I as yet found it necessary to parade the streets accoutred like a moving arsenal, or to keep within doors after nightfall for fear of the "horrid Kuklux."

The city is quiet, but the stores display their most tempting wares, and business is steadily improving. The streets are filled at all hours of the day with people of all shades of color, and, by the way, the dark shades are most decidedly in the majority. In fact, the genuine Caucasians come few and far between, though the counterfeits are remarkably fine imitations of the original in more senses than one, while Ethiopia itself cannot exhibit finer specimens of ebony than those which greet you at every ten steps you take in the City of Charleston. It is a little embarrassing, at first, to find that your boot-black is an honorable member of the Legislature, and that the dexterous Professor of the art tonsorial, has Congressional aspirations, but after a while one gets accustomed to these things, and feels no compunction in offering a shinplaster to the aspirant for political fame. But of this feature of the South, as it now is, more hereafter.

The good ship *Georgia*, which brought me safely to this place, was unfortunate enough last trip to meet with what sailors are wont to term "dirty weather." Whether the four journalists on board were her Jonahs or not, I will not undertake to say. The very day we left New-York—in point of fact we did not leave at all—which statement, paradoxical though it may seem, is nevertheless strictly true, for we cleared on Thursday afternoon, yet Friday morning found us lying quietly at anchor abreast of Coney Island, and there we stayed, enveloped in a dense fog, until that afternoon, when Capt. CHOWANZ, determined to prevent the catastrophe of having his vessel sunk at her anchorage by the amount of mild but unending profanity with which certain individuals favored every portion of the ship, and stood boldly out to sea, where the hard breathing of old Neptune, as he tossed us up and down upon his briny bosom, put an effectual end to the criticisms of the adept navigators of big yachts. Of Hatteras a thunder-storm made things decidedly uncomfortable for the time being, but we weathered it successfully, and came up to the dock at an early hour the next morning. Capt. ATKINS, the pilot of the *Georgia*, is a curiosity. In person he might have served as an original for COOPER's Capt. Truck, in his novel, *Jack Tar*; but he is as jolly a fellow as he is round, and filled to overflowing with sea yarns and hair-breadth escapes. He was quite a successful blockade-runner at first, but was finally caught and lodged in Fort Lafayette, which place he fondly speaks of as his "cottage by the sea." He was, I believe, once sentenced to be hung, but succeeded in declining the high honor with which his too affectionate friends proposed to testify their appreciation of his merits, though the contest must have been trying to a man of his ambition. Clad in cloth of the butternut color, with his feet scarce touching the floor, his round body, erect as though he had swallowed a poker, hands on his hips, his hat on the back of his head, a cigar placed "perpendicularwise" in his mouth, he amused the passengers, *quorum pars fui*, with his wondrous tales of "running the blockade."

CHARLESTON.

The City of Charleston has been often described in your columns, and though shorne of much of its beauty by the desolating hand of war, it is still a beautiful city. In situation, it is much like New-York, with its harbor formed by the junction of the two rivers, the Cooper and the Ashley. But here the slight resemblance ends, for the grounds are low, and from a distance the city seems to rise out of the sea. The battered walls of Sumter are fast losing all their attractions, since the ruins are being repaired and the fort put in order, so that before long no traces will remain of the terrific bombardment to which it was subjected. Of Fort Ripley, nothing but shattered rocks and logs remain, rising a few feet above the sea at low tide. The revolutionary associations of the harbor and the city are familiar to all Americans. St. Philip's spire is well known as having been the mark by which the shell were thrown into the city, and from it a fine view of the city and harbor is obtained. It is a venerable edifice, though the ascent of its steeple is rather a hazardous undertaking. The indoors run pretty nearly straight up and down, and the ruins of a chime of fourteen bells, and of an illuminated clock serve to impede your upward progress. Countless pigeons, also, resent the intrusion into their realm, and their fluttering and noisy demonstrations are unpleasant, to say the least. But the view well repays the difficulties in the way of obtaining it, and is, in fact, the only point from which all in the vicinity can be seen. In front of the church, in a small, unattractive cemetery, is the tomb of CALHOUN. It is a square-built brick sarcophagus, on top of which lies a large marble slab, containing as its inscription the single word "CALHOUN." At the head of the grave stands an orange-tree, and at the left a large cedar, while all around it rose-bushes are planted, which at this season of the year are in full bloom. The sable sexton presented me with a large bunch of the flowers, which I took rather for their beauty than for any feeling of veneration for the great apostle of secession. St. Michael's Church is the oldest church in the city, and faces the "prison pen" or guard house, where the Federal prisoners were placed under fire. This church was built in 1754, from designs by Sir CHRISTOPHER WREN, the English architect, and is a quaint-old specimen of the churches of the colonial period. From the belfry of the church a watchman strikes the hours during the night, shouting, "All's well," every fifteen minutes. This church was struck several times during the bombardment, while the old Post-office, also built during the colonial period, was rendered a perfect wreck by the iron hail which was poured into the city. Congress has appropriated $90,000 to rebuild it, and workmen are already at work repairing the ruins. The private residences, with their large and well-kept gardens and broad porticoes look exceeding comfortable. Mr. TRENHOLM's place is a model of beauty and elegance. The "Battery" is the evening resort of the Charlestonians. Situated on the water at the southeastern extremity of the city, it commands a fine view of the harbor, and the more pretentious residences front upon it. The old slave quarters attached to each place are a peculiar feature of the South, which is sure to attract the visitor's attention.

It is fortunate for the Charleston City Railroads that they have not a Bergh among them, for their overladen cars are drawn by a single steed of the Rosinante order of build. The long Market needs for its proper description the pencil of an artist, rather than the pen of a writer; negro women with their high turbans, generally of some bright color, trusts that would tempt an epicure, meats that would not be so likely to, and the numberless buzzards, protected by law from destruction, which swarm about the butcher's stalls, and dispute with the rightful owner the possession of the choice bits, or fight among themselves for the refuse, and the increasing din made by the petty venders, as in an unintelligible jabberish they extol their own wares and decry those of their neighbors, all these elements form a tout ensemble at once picturesque and peculiar.

MAGNOLIA CEMETERY.

"Be sure and visit Magnolia Cemetery," says every Charlestonian. I did so, of course, and the first thing that struck me (without doing any injury) was the absence of the tree from which the Cemetery derives its name. I doubt if there are more than half a dozen magnolia trees on grounds. But their absence is more than atoned for by the magnificent live oaks, with their burdens of Spanish moss, which greet the eye on every hand. The Cemetery is inferior in every respect to Green-Wood, Mount Auburn, or Bonaventure, near Savannah; but it is, nevertheless, a charming place. Some five hundred of the Confederate dead lie in well-kept graves on the right as you enter. Among the most prominent monuments here are those of Col. WM. WASHINGTON, HUGH SWINTON LEGARE, the statesman and scholar; ELIHAY H. JONES, and that of Commodore VANDERBILT. The latter is a vault, and looking through the grating the coffin covered with the American flag is seen lying on the floor of the tomb. A curiosity in its way is the grotesque-looking tomb of the Wien family. The wife's headstone bears the following inscription, placed there by her bereaved husband:

"She was—but words are wanting to say what—
Say what a wife should be—and she was that.
I had your first and last kiss."

But I can linger no longer in this "City of the Silent," of which some enthusiastic writer has said: "It is a scene of tangled woods and silvery waters, looking out upon the broad surface of the Cooper River, whose waters find their way into its pretty lakelets, over which the majestic live oaks hang their Druid mosses." If the writer had only said something about the annoying sand-flies, which hover about you in swarms, insisting on biting and stinging every exposed part with a persistence worthy of a better cause, his picture would have been more complete.

DRAYTON HALL AND ITS VICINITY.

About sixteen miles from Charleston, and on the bank of the Ashley River, stands Drayton Hall, a fine specimen of the old colonial manor. It is, moreover, the only house on that side of the stream left standing by SHERMAN's "bummers," and owes its preservation to the mendacity of a negro servant who asserted that it belonged to a distinguished Union naval officer of that name. Being desirous of seeing some of these old residences, I gladly accepted an offer to join a party going in that direction. My companion was a Virginian, and an ex-member of the famous MOSBY's guerrillas, withal a fine specimen of the Southern gentleman, a devoted hunter and a bold and daring rider. His exploits in the latter line would fill volumes had I the space to repeat them in. Driving through thick forests of pine, between rows of live oak and surrounded by the sweet perfume of the jessamine, with the Palmetto tree showing its sparingly form at intervals, and the flowering dogwood lending a variety to the tangled underbrush, we wended our way until we reached the bank of the river. Here was a dilemma. We had two carriages to get across the stream, but the boat was on the other side, the tide running like a mill-race, and the wind blowing pretty "fresh." After shouting ourselves hoarse, two negroes were aroused and started across in a "dug-out." Reaching our side, they commenced an explanation of something or other in their peculiar dialect, which it takes a Southerner to understand, but which is but little better than Chinese to the Northern ear. We asked if they expected us to go over in that canoe. "Oh, no, Sir." "Well, what did you come over for, then?" "To give yoose satisfaction." "Pretty satisfaction," was answered, in which fact they agreed. It was suggested to them that they should get some more "hands" and bring across the flat-boat. "Will you pay them?" was their immediate question, and was evidently the whole object of their journey across. Being answered in the affirmative, they paddled back, and by the aid of a couple more men in the course of an hour and a half they had placed us on the other side of the river, which was about two hundred yards in breadth. Five dollars was what they required for their services, and twenty

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

One effect of communal government in Paris has been to drive the people from the city, and some of the streets are said to present quite a deserted appearance. The Conscription has been stayed. Article 2 of the Preliminaries of Peace has been modified to allow the army in Paris to be augmented to 60,000. BISMARCK is pressing the Versailles Government for some practical assurance that order is to be restored. The Communal Government has been distributed among ten commissions. Communication between Paris and Versailles has been interrupted. The western gates of Paris are closed on account of a rumor of approaching forces. The old flag of the Universal Republic is floating over the Tuileries and Louvre. A new election of military officers has been ordered. A demand is made that the meeting of the Communal Council be public. Telegraphic communication has been established between the public buildings of Paris.

Large numbers of released French prisoners are embarking at Gluckstadt, Denmark. Prince BISMARCK promises compensation for losses to the inhabitants of Alsace and Lorraine. The German authorities agree to declare a state of siege in the occupied districts in case of a spread of the insurrection.

The annual boat-race between the Oxford and Cambridge University crews took place on the Thames yesterday, and attracted the usual crowds. Cambridge took the lead from the start, and won the race in 22 minutes and 9½ seconds. There is a dispute as to the distance between the boats at the close... The Japanese Ambassador, FUSIYO NUMSIMO MIDA, is at Brussels. The Queen-Dowager of Sweden is ill.

CONGRESS.

There was no session of the Senate yesterday. The day was occupied in the House with a debate on the bill for the enforcement of the Fourteenth Amendment. Among its opponents were Messrs. WADDELL and SHENCK of North Carolina, who went on the old arguments that the outrages in the South were exaggerated and were not beyond the control of State authorities, and that Congress had no power under the Constitution to interfere in the matter. The measure was advocated by ELLIOTT and RAINEY, colored members from South Carolina, HAWLEY of Illinois, and others. The discussion was continued in the evening.

GENERAL.

Mexican advices to the 24th ult. state that the Congress is at a dead-lock. The opposition have a majority, but are unable to use it, as the Juarez Deputies leave the hall and prevent a quorum. Compulsory attendance of members is unconstitutional. The Puncionists have been partly defeated, and the chances of JUAREZ are strengthened, and the army at the capital adhere to the President. The Jalisco quarrel is unimportant. Ex-Gov. CURROY ran away after an encounter between both factions. Congress has admitted a bill granting freedom of the ballot. MARISCO has been appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs. ROMERO will probably come to Washington as Minister, and PATSO assume Ministry of Finance.

The Canadian Postmaster-General announces that the rumors of misconduct by the Red River troops are unfounded. A debate had ensued in the Dominion House of Commons on a motion to consider the act respecting fishing by foreign vessels. The result was the founding of a more stringent bill, which passed a first reading. The Canadian Government have ordered that hereafter coal, coke, wheat, flour, salt, peas, beans, rye, oats, Indian corn, buckwheat and all grains, and the meal therefrom, shall be admitted free of duty.

Gov. ALCORN, of Mississippi, announces that rewards for detection of the Kuklux outrages will be raised by a special tax upon the county in which they occur. By this means the sympathizers with the organizations will be made to bear the expense. In the case of POSTOX and GRAVES, convicted of KuklUxing young SCHOFIELD, they have been refused a new trial, and will be executed on the 26th of May.

A distillery boiler exploded on Friday at McColl's Landing, Brown County, Ohio, when six persons were killed and nine wounded. The cause of the disaster has not yet been ascertained.

GRISWOLD's fine opera-house in Troy, N.Y., was destroyed by fire yesterday morning. The cause of the fire is unknown. The loss is $60,000; insured for $18,000. The loss of P. W. BISHOP, who kept a saloon in the theatre, is $7,000; uninsured. STEKKEMMER's barber-shop was damaged by the falling walls to the amount of $5,000; insured.

A match game of billiards for the championship of Ohio, the golden cue and a purse of $200, was played last evening in Springfield, Ohio, between HARRY CROATS of that place, and ANTHONY HAKING, of Cincinnati. The contest lasted three and a half hours, when HAKING was the victor on the twenty-eighth inning. HAKING's average was 20 10-11, and CROATS's 20½.

LEVI HODGKINS, of Charlestown, Mass., was determined to kill himself yesterday, for when the bullet glanced on a rib, he reloaded his gun and blew his brains out.

L. M. BIGELOW & Co., wholesale grocers at Milwaukee, Wis., have failed. Their liabilities are said to be heavy and assets light.

Mr. OLIVER P. FISKE, who has succeeded Gen. TREMAINE as Marshal SHARPE's Chief Deputy, formerly served in the same capacity under Marshal HARLOW. His appointment has received the hearty approval of the officials at the United States Court building.

Mrs. FAIR, the murderess, is ill in San Francisco, and the Court has adjourned. The laborers on the public buildings have struck for an advance in wages, which they obtained. RUDOLPHE and CYRILLE DION played a game of French billiards, 1,500 points, which was won by RUDOLPHE, by a score of 1,501 to 1,106.

There were 99 males and 839 females provided with situations through the Free Labor Bureau during last week.

During the past week petitions in voluntary bankruptcy were made by RUFUS WATERHOUSE and WILLIAM DREESDORF; discharges were granted to JACOB B. LENT and THOMAS DOUGLASS, and adjudications in involuntary bankruptcy were made on the petitions of CLEMENTINA T. RICHARDSON, WILLIAM WELCH, ALBERT C. LAWSON and WESLEY STORR.

The sum of $25,256 61 was received during the week for City and county taxes.

The inauguration of the statue of Prof. MORSE, which was to have occurred on his eightieth birthday, April 27, has been postponed until June 6, the National Art Foundry being unable to complete the statue before that time.

At a late hour Friday night, JOHN DOLAN, who lives at No. 23 Park-street, accidentally shot himself while in the liquor saloon No. 21 Park-street, and was seriously wounded.

The steamer *Arcadia* left this City yesterday for Havre with the following munitions of war for the French Army: 500 cases harness, valued at $30,000; 3,200 cases of cartridges, valued at $160,000; 1,200 cases of rifles, worth $420,000; 38 cases of bayonets, $24,000. Total value, $637,000.

The People Aroused.

The enlightened public opinion of New-York is showing signs of awakening. The night of torpor and indifference is passing away, and with a clearer vision, born of inquiry and action, people are beginning to see things that loomed large amid the darkness restored to their true dimensions. We are gradually discovering that the horrible nightmare of local misgovernment which has so long oppressed us is, after all, but the creation of our own will, and that a vigorous exercise of the same power which called it into being can dispatch it to the limbo of fraud and ignorance whence it issued. The intelligent and law-abiding public of this City has remained too long oblivious of its sovereign prerogative. Like Issachar, it has crouched down between two burdens, and "become a servant unto tribute." We may thank our strength and elasticity that the load has not crushed us. On that score, we certainly owe no acknowledgments to the forbearance of our masters. The TIMES has labored and waited for the day when the multiplied excesses of an unscrupulous Ring would prove too much for the overtaxed patience of a long-suffering community. Now that there are indications encouraging us in the hope that the day is at hand, we may fitly express our confidence that the popular awakening will not prove delusive, and that it will unmistakably mark the beginning of the end. The time is ripe for all good men and true, without distinction of party, uniting to bring the Tammany leaders to judgment. Their offenses have been against principles that underlie all party divisions, and that concern the vitality of our common institutions. They have trampled under foot the most sacred rights of self-government; they have made corporate honesty a jest and individual honor an empty name. Their power has drawn its nourishment out of the vice, the ignorance, and the crime of our society, and has been exercised in contempt of decency and self-respect. What their nominees in the Courts have done we all know; what their obedient majority in the Legislature is capable of doing, we are every day learning. The gigantic Erie swindle exists because of their protection, and popular government is being rapidly abolished in this City so that no obstacle may remain to dispute their unlimited control over the property and the pocket of every citizen. The plunder of New-York is to be used to corrupt the constituencies of our country from the Lakes to the Gulf, and to place the same insatiable gang within reach of the still deeper treasure-chest of the nation.

The mass-meeting to be assembled in the hall of the Cooper Union on Thursday next will, we trust, do something more than condemn the evils under which we suffer. An essential part of its function ought to be to prescribe some practical method for their removal. Such speakers as WM. M. EVARTS, Judge BARRETT and Mr. BEECHER—not to mention other names foremost in the ranks of our pulpit orators—will unquestionably develop the popular feeling in favor of sweeping local reform to a degree which will be aggressive as well as earnest. There and then is the time to lay the basis for a truly popular and comprehensive organization, which shall recognize neither rest nor compromise till the Courts, the Legislature and our local Boards are restored to independence and purity, and the ballot-box is placed beyond the reach of wholesale and systematic fraud. It is right to seize upon abuses of power so imminent as those providing for the Tax Levy, the Education Commission, sectarian endowments and a vitiated Registry law, and to brand them with an emphatic public protest. But to reach the source whence such measures emanate, the people in mass-meeting assembled ought to go somewhat deeper. Our local Ring profess a cynical contempt for the public opinion that does not penetrate to the grog-shops nor affect Democratic primaries. They will probably be at no pains to conceal their sneer at any protests, however well supported, that may emanate from the meeting of Thursday. How hollow the power is for the infamous clique that rules us, no one knows better than themselves. But they know equally well that no opposition can cope with them which does not place against their organization one equally comprehensive and ubiquitous. It is not by spasmodic outbursts of collective enthusiasm that our hideous travesty of local government will be swept out of existence. It rests upon a carefully and gradually-constructed foundation of corruption and fraud. It must be overthrown by forces patiently and laboriously concentrated, as well as harmoniously directed. Thursday's meeting will show our citizens where their true strength lies, and will afford convincing proof that the remedy for their grievances is in their own hands. Let proper use be made of the occasion, and it may prove one of the points of departure of that honest and upright administration of our local affairs whose restoration appears at present so difficult.

Southern Sentiment.

The *Phœnix*, published at Columbia, S. C., in taking exception to an article published in our issue of the 20th, states that we do not appreciate rightly the feeling at the South. A careful perusal of the article in the *Phœnix* fails to give us any new light on the subject. It is argued that the ex-insurgents of South Carolina are not responsible for the condition of affairs in that State, but that the evils are to be traced to the fact that the State Government is "in the main ignorant, corrupt and extravagant, and non-representative of the property and much of the virtue and intelligence of the State." Perhaps a parallel case will show the *Phœnix* the fallacy of its own arguments. The Government of the City of New-York is in the hands of an ignorant, corrupt and extravagant "Ring," non-representative of the property and of any of the virtue and intelligence of the City. An almost exact parallel exists, so far as government is concerned, between South Carolina, according to the representations of the *Phœnix* and other papers, and the City of New-York. We of the City are wronged by a corrupt Government of ignorant men. Granted that the State of South Carolina is wronged in the same manner, we of the City endeavor to right the wrong by appeals to the people, and a constant and untiring effort to redress our grievances by constitutional and legal forms. We do not urge the formation of armed and disguised bands, nor the commission of murder, nor the use of intimidation.

Every attempt to break down fraud, corruption and extravagance must be made within the law. How do the unrepresented citizens of South Carolina attempt to right their wrongs? Resort is had to violence, to the "Kuklux," and to intimidation. While complaining of violations of their own rights, they have no respect for the rights of others. So great has the evil become in South Carolina that the Federal authority hashad to be interposed to protect the lives, persons, and property of citizens.

The *Phœnix* says: "We believe that the South is to be largely benefited by Northern emigration, and we are ready to provide for their '*opinions*,' as well as their '*capital, energy* and *perseverance*.' Let a Northern man come and identify himself with us and our fortunes, and we shall be found to trust him for his 'opinions.'" This promise is fair enough, but the existence of the Kuklux in South Carolina and others of the Southern States is a fact not to be contradicted. It is also a fact well established that it is organized for purely political purposes, and has the countenance of a large number of those who were in sympathy with the rebellion. It is also proved that its victims are in every instance members of the Republican Party. Here we have existing in the State of South Carolina an organization too powerful for the State Executive to deal with, which persecutes people, even to death, for their political opinions. It would seem, therefore, that identification with what the *Phœnix* calls "our fortunes," means that a Northerner must obtain a new outfit of opinions before settling at the South.

We had no intention of misrepresenting the condition of affairs in the Southern States. The voting population has been largely increased by the enfranchisement of the negro. The Democracy of the South attempts to control the negro vote by intimidation, going even to the length of murder. No appeal is made to reason; violence is the only argument used. The attempt to murder Dr. WIESNICK for being a Republican, (occurring even while the article in the *Phœnix* was being written,) and the ostracism of Ex-Gov. ORR, are evidences that political opinions are not allowed free expression in the South. These, and numerous other cases of a like nature, have led us to form the opinion that "the political character of the South is one of intense intolerance." When the citizens of South Carolina, who complain of "a corrupt, extravagant, ignorant and non-representative" Government, use the same means which we are using in the City of New-York to escape from a Government which exactly answers to that description, we will review our "assumptions."

The Paris "Mont de Piete."

Among the revelations that have followed the raising of the siege of Paris, those connected with the "Mont de Piété are not the least interesting. The "Besieged Resident" of the *Daily News*, in spite of his anticipations, never came to the end of his money; and money could still buy all the necessaries of life in Paris up to the time that the last shot was fired from Mont Valerein, and the first Uhlan peeped through the Barriere de l'Etoile. But there were thousands of unhappy souls who were less fortunate. Many a family parted during the siege with every available article on which money could be raised. Food had to be got at any cost, and the pawnbrokers naturally, in thousands of cases, supplied the means. Happily, in France the State is the pawnbroker, so that many cruel sacrifices that might otherwise have been compulsory will now be spared. It is true that the Mont de Piété is carried on with capital drawn from other public institutions, and that the terrible pressure on the public funds will make serious concessions to the borrowing community extremely difficult; but still time is given, the urgent wants of the needy are not used to strip them remorselessly of their property, and the general policy of the lender will still be to restore collateral pledges, rather than to confiscate them.

During the siege, a bitter pressure for cash having been early foreseen, a regulation was adopted to the effect that not more than fifty francs should be advanced on any single article, let its value be what it might. Notwithstanding this, no fewer than one hundred and fifty thousand persons had money advanced them, on pledges, by the Paris Mont de Piété, between the investment and the surrender. The store-rooms of the institution were crowded to repletion, and at last it was almost impossible to receive fresh articles. A gentleman who made an inspection of these store-houses, just after the entry of the Germans, has sent a graphic account of them to a London journal. When he wrote there were no fewer than one hundred thousand watches in pawn, and twenty-five thousand clocks;—we may observe, in passing, that if the latter were no better time-keepers than most clocks found in French houses, they might do more useful service on the pawnbroker's shelves than at home. There were diamonds set in necklaces, and tiaras of fabulous value—bracelets and ear-rings in numberless profusion of the same precious stones—with many blazing among opals and pearls, and set in the gorgeous modern-antique fashion that came in with the last days of the Empire. Jewels like these go first in case of need, and to part with them does not denote, as a rule, pinching distress. The sharper sting of adversity was, however, shown by other and less-considered trifles. Cashmere shawls, silk dresses and dress coats, a few pocket handkerchiefs edged with costly lace and embroidered with a coronet, gold-headed canes and riding-whips, and fans of every conceivable material, shape, and value, indicated harder distress in a thousand ways. There were more than two thousand opera-glasses—little use in truth remained for them, except from the higher localities to watch the course of hostile shells, and trace the slow, implacable approach of the Prussian lines. An astonishing quantity of hair—"switches," "rats," "fronts" and so forth—was among the pledges. Family portraits, too—saddest and least available for such a purpose—looked down in numbers from the walls. Plate, in the shape of all sorts of dishes, teapots, spoons, and the like, abounded, and there was much that could be recognized as having been, within a short time, on the tables of some of the most famous mansions in Paris. Older pledges, however, were not wanting; and it is curious to read, among all these evidences of more immediate suffering, the account of an umbrella, the pawn-ticket of which had been renewed every year since 1812; and of a silk dress, the owner of which, for the last twenty-eight years, had been unable to redeem it, but had regularly raised the annual sum necessary to retain that privilege.

The poor workpeople have, of course, suffered greatly, and the Mont de Piété tells its deplorable story to tell of that. Nearly three thousand unhappy creatures pawned their mattresses and bed-clothes during the siege. Starving seamstresses pawned one thousand five hundred pairs of scissors. Tools of every description were brought without end. To such an extent, indeed, had the artisans of Paris divested themselves of the implements needful for their labor, that the matter assumed grave political significance. The extreme radical or communist prints have taken advantage of the consequent distress, to point out to the working classes that they should rebel against the rules by which the beneficent Mont de Piété is regulated. It is not enough, it seems, that Paris should be better off in this wise than any other city in the world, and the populace are taught to regard with dislike an institution which has been one of their best friends. We are glad to observe that those who have in charge the disposition of the English charitable fund have had a wise and quick eye to this matter. On Saturday, March 4, the cheering announcement was placarded over the walls of Paris that all workmen who had been obliged, from necessity, to pawn their tools during the siege, might, on application, have them redeemed forthwith by the Commissioners of the Fund. This is a noble and timely movement, and apart from its intrinsic philanthropy, may be the means of averting serious mischief.

New-York Out of Town.

The growing tendency of the whole of lower New-York to become, like its southern extremity, a purely business quarter, causes an active and ever-increasing demand for house accommodation in other and convenient neighborhoods. The rapid abandonment, during late years, of localities once sacred to the fireside, in favor of trade, is remarkable, and strikingly shows the absence of that conservatism in such matters usually found in metropolitan cities. Residence in New-York proper—that part of it where exists the stir and turmoil of a great City—is, practically, becoming confined to either the rich or the very poor. The latter still haunt, with characteristic pertinacity, the slums and alleys that fringe the more densely-built portions; while the rich are able here, as elsewhere, to preserve certain aristocratic quarters from the inroads of business and its surroundings. But considering the large number belonging to neither of these classes, who are compelled to seek homes elsewhere, it is interesting at this season to note the directions to which the current of such business chiefly tends, and to compare it with past experience.

The past three years have witnessed three strong "currents" of real estate movement toward different localities. In 1868, the neighboring State of New-Jersey attracted in an unusual degree the investments of purchasers, and the attention of householders. Not merely were extensive sales effected, but houses to let found ready occupants. The popular feeling in favor of that locality lasted well into 1869, when the strenuous efforts made to attract attention to Long Island resulted in its taking a leading place in public estimation. Much of this was doubtless due to the heavy investments, backed by visible improvements, of Mr. A. T. STEWART, whose liberal dealing found encouragement in the appreciation thus manifested. The early sales of 1870 showed a decided increase in the demand for Long Island real estate, and, until very recently, it maintained its place in the market. With the New-Year, however, came eloquent assurances that Westchester County property would soon compete on favorable terms with its hitherto more accessible rivals. The absence of any means of quick transit between Forty-sixth-street and the City Hall, the neglected state of its "Boulevards" and other causes, had previously combined to render Westchester property of lower value to the business men, whose pursuits led them down town, than it should legitimately be.

But the Boulevards are fast becoming roads instead of quagmires. Quick transit cannot be long deferred. Most significant of all, to the wise observer of those straws which tell the wind's direction, we know that the "Ring" is buying heavily in this direction by way of anticipating the expected harvest. Without this additional and convincing testimony that something will, before long, "be done" for Westchester, the reports of recent State legislation are sufficient to show that the county is being "taken care" of. Not inferior in sanitary respects to either New-Jersey or Long Island, it is not to be wondered at if the promised advantages secure ready investments. But, although Westchester County business is likely to be unusually active during the coming season, Long Island is recovering from the slight apathy recently prevailing, and is likely to hold its own even with the competition of the "Ring's" favorite locality. Owing to sensible improvements recently made, a good deal of what was formerly waste land on the south side of the island is being brought rapidly into the market. Those best qualified to judge are confident that Long Island sales will be heavy this year, and those having houses to let are equally hopeful of securing eligible tenants. Altogether, the two localities we have named seem likely to carry off a large number of those seeking either investments or simple accommodation.

Little, meanwhile, as has been done at the north end of Manhattan, there can be no doubt that when quick transit from end to end of the island is secured, remarkable developments will be witnessed in the matter of real estate in that neighborhood. Although physical obstacles in some parts at present discourage the labor of grading and building, and Westchester County thereby retains for the time considerable advantage, an effective means of rapid communication with the other end of the island would certainly stimulate fresh enterprise there, and many sites now deemed worthless would soon be found capable of improvement. The question of quick transit is indeed of vital importance to all residing out of the City, but its successful solution would furthermore give a fresh impetus to real estate business on the upper end of the island.

New Party Projects.

No one doubts that there exists in the Republican Party at this moment a feeling of discontent. It is not wide-spread, but it makes itself visible in newspaper opposition, and in attempts to direct party action. This feeling finds expression in vague suggestions of amnesty, civil and revenue reform, and return to specie payments. All these subjects are important, but the persons urging them on the public attention are not clear in their statements of what they desire. Generalities will not do. There must be a definite policy prescribed. We are compelled to raise a large revenue, and to raise it in a manner which shall be least burdensome to the people is a difficult task. The gentlemen calling themselves the Central Republican Association of Hamilton County, who lately assembled at Cincinnati, and published their opinions on various questions—that of revenue reform included—say that the "public revenues should be derived from duties on imports levied on the smallest possible number of taxable articles." This proposition will give rise to much difference of opinion with regard to the articles on which the tax should be levied. The revenue has already been greatly reformed, and as soon as the condition of the country will permit other reforms will be made. This is the work of the Republican Party. Those Republicans at the West who are now urging us to "go faster" should remember that great results have already been accomplished by making haste slowly.

The only hope of reform in the civil service lies in the action of the Republican Party. To the victors belong the spoils, is a Democratic principle. It is ingrained and ineradicable. The condition of affairs in this City is an example of what would exist in the nation, if, by any chance, the Democratic Party should come into power. Civil service reform, according to Democratic views, means a general turning out of the Opposition. This is not the kind of reform desired at the West.

Objections to our present financial policy consist in loose expressions about an "irredeemable currency." This currency, with which so much fault is now found, answered the needs of the Government during the war, and, since the inauguration of President GRANT has, owing to the faithfulness with which the revenues have been collected, and the economy with which they have been disbursed, been steadily appreciating in value. We say, then, that the discontent which is occasionally manifested at the West in meetings like that at Cincinnati, is without foundation. Not one of the reforms asked can be hoped for from the Democratic Party. Independent action would tend to defeat the desired end. The Republican Party has already accomplished great reforms, and is the party of progress. It is only by acting with it that the supporters of revenue, civil service, or any other reform, can attain their object.

Breaking into Jail.

New-York has the reputation of harboring some of the most enterprising thieves in the world. From a bond robbery to a street opening, from despoiling a house to plundering a city, there is apparently no achievement in the circle of rascality to which they are not equal. But even their fame must pale before the superior audacity of certain West Virginia burglars. Tired, no doubt, of the monotony of "cracking" private "cribs," these bold operators hit upon an idea which is entitled to be called an inspiration of genius. This was no less than to break into a place which most gentlemen of their kidney are only too glad to break out of. They conceived the highly ingenious and original design of robbing the Penitentiary, and what is more, they did it with a success as complete as the conception was happy. They climbed over the wall by means of a ladder, and having made their researches and secured their "swag," escaped in the same manner, carrying with them a number of pairs of shoes and other light articles which pleased their simple fancy. That they did not take the jailer also is probably due to the fact that they thought he might be useful to them in another way hereafter.

There is about this feat a delicious whimsicality which shows the Virginia rogues to be not only accomplished artists in their profession, but keen humorists besides. Probably it was not so much for the sake of the plunder that they performed their novel exploit,—indeed, they hardly seem to have obtained enough to recompense them for the risk, and a jail is not the likeliest place for valuables,—as for the capital practical joke on the Warden and the turnkeys. What these poor innocents can do to turn aside the storm of ridicule that must be even now making life a burden to them we cannot conjecture. As little can we imagine what should be done with these humorous rascals if they are caught. To send them to jail would be only simplifying their labors by giving them an opportunity to plunder it at their leisure, and then quietly depart. Allowing for the difference in value of the "stealables," it would be as sensible to lock them up in a bank-vault. Robbers that put you at your wits' ends to keep them out of the place intended for their punishment, are certainly very difficult to deal with. Perhaps the best plan would be to let them continue to gratify their curious fancy for jail-breaking from the wrong side, if in consideration of that immunity they will consent to forego the attacks upon private houses. Or, still better, on the principle of "set a thief to catch a thief," they might all be made jailers. Taking the persons in charge of the Wheeling Penitentiary as a sample, they could not very well be worse than some of the worthies they would displace.

The Methodist Book Concern.

The Subcommittee of the Methodist Book Concern, to which was referred the investigation of the frauds in the establishment, met pursuant to resolution, on Wednesday, the 29th of March. The Committee consists of Bishop SCOTT, and Rev. Messrs. BINGHAM, ROTHWELL and WENNOW. They selected three accountants from the applications before them, whose names were submitted to Judge REYNOLDS, (counsel for Dr. LANAHAN,) and to Mr. FANCHER, (counsel for the other side.) As Dr. LANAHAN was anxious to have the opportunity to prove them, Judge REYNOLDS accepted the names presented at once. Not so with Mr. FANCHER. He objected, where on the Committee adjourned *sine die*, subject to the call of the Chairman—thus defeating the very object they were appointed for. So ends, for the present, this disgraceful affair.

When a man high in the Church and in official station makes grave charges which, he says, he is prepared to prove, he is met by a set of men who, in place of investigating the charges, adjourn without hearing a single complaint, it remains to be seen how long the conscentious members of the Church will submit to such abuses.

MINOR TOPICS.

President GRANT's Administration opens the third year of its term with a reduction for the month of the national debt of $11,011,320 05. This is about two millions in excess of the average monthly reduction of last year, and nearly double the amount of reduction effected in March, 1870. It brings the total decrease since the advent to power of the present Administration to $215,193,663 74, and leaves as the total of interest and principal of our public debt of $2,434,076,643 05. Taking the basis of our population as thirty-nine millions, this gives us a proportion of $62.4 per head as the measure of our national obligations. In England the existing proportion is about $123 per head, and in 1866 our own was over one hundred dollars. Such figures are more eloquent than the complaints of scores of political croakers.

Paris is almost as thoroughly isolated from the rest of the world as it was during the Prussian siege. The postal service is in disorder, railroad communication is partial, and jealously watched, and the population who have anything to lose are flying from the city, to avoid being placed completely in the power of a Government of irrational demagogues. The Commune remains master of the situation, and Paris is, for the time, at least, a sovereign and independent unity. To do the Socialists justice, they have not yet lost the power of keeping their heterogeneous following in check. Up to the latest advices, there is no evidence of acts of pillage, and the only executions have been political ones. The true test of the moderation of the insurgents will come when the National Government finds itself strong enough to fight them. If Paris, face to face with civil war, does not give itself up to license and general confiscation of the goods of absent citizens, the supporters of the "Universal Republic" will have earned a much more respectable character than most people are now prepared to accord them.

A "wife and mother" writes us to ask whether no means can be found of putting a stop to the promiscuous distribution of the circulars of a well-known infamous establishment on Fifth-avenue. These assume the form of a notice to "druggists and patent-medicine dealers" concerning the price of an abominable preparation, but are freely sent to the houses of private families. Until the Police force of this City is awakened to a thorough effort to apply the provisions of existing statutes to the professors of the hideous traffic which finds its culminating point in the Fifth-avenue mansion, we do not see how respectable people can help having disgusting circulars placed in the way of their sons and daughters.

The result of the English University boat-race awakens interest wherever the language is spoken. We can hardly appreciate, for less share the feverish interest with which every movement of the rival crews and every variation in the weight and condition of they members have, for several weeks past, been watched by a large section of the English public. But we can freely accord our hearty appreciation to the pluck and perseverance that sustained Cambridge rowers through long years of defeat and have now for the second time placed their alma mater of Oxford. The half a million of people who yesterday lined the banks of the Thames, between Putney and Mortlake, rendered, in fashions sufficiently diverse, a genuine homage to that characteristic type of energy which is co-extensive with the Anglo-Saxon race.

The *Episcopalian* has some timely suggestions regarding the necessity of curtailing the prevalent senseless waste of money on funeral expenses. Not only are "undertakers' bills a heavy assessment upon the poor," and one which frequently entails very great hardship to meet, but the conventional extravagance of ostentatious pageantry on an occasion where simplicity is eminently desirable, involves a sacrifice of becoming sentiment as well as of money. All classes of our community are open to the charge of introducing features into the last offices of the dead which contribute neither to their solemnity nor decorum. Of all the spheres into which fashion intrudes, this is the most unsocial, and the unsupported assumption seems of society ought, long ago this, to have abolished much of the absurd display, without reverence and continued, without solemn effect, that clings so tenaciously to our funerals.

Our able contemporary, the Troy *Times*, expresses very clearly the relation which exists between Tammany and the Erie Ring. The *Times* says:

"This Erie conspiracy is allied to the Tammany Ring. The connection is plain; the alliance is special; the reciprocal assistance is manifest. Gov. HOFFMAN signed the original Classification act. He has never supported the repeal of it, though the shame of it grows blacker with every year. The most shameless of the two managers appeared in politics last Fall as a Democrat of doubtful stand. Two conspicuous members of the Tammany triumvirate are in the Erie directory. The Democrats in the Legislature cast their vote to maintain the usurpation which Gov. HOFFMAN winks at, which TWEED and SWEENY are necessary to, and which their associates in the Legislature will support when the question is submitted to them, though now and then a man may shrink from the shame which such an act involves. The corruption is large in its proportions as it is infamous in its character and acts. But the whole country has an interest in its overthrow, for its damages all by its acts. Public indignation and private wrongs will yet find a way to hurl them from their position."

CRIMES IN THE CITY.

Is Chadwick a Forger?—Another Postponement of Sentence.

In the case of GEORGE W. CHADWICK convicted during the last term of the United States Circuit Court of having aided a United States Bye-Twenty bond of the denomination of $10,000, but whose sentence was postponed on affidavits tending to establish his innocence, with a view to instituting further inquiries into the matter, his counsel, Ex-Judge FULLERTON, said that in connection with Mr. WM. BURNS, a resident of Brooklyn, and Mr. DUTCHER, Supervisor of Internal Revenue, he investigated the charge in the indictment. Those gentlemen were under a strong impression that he was not the guilty man he was supposed to be, and that a careful investigation might develop facts that would establish his innocence. He continued these investigations until compelled to go to Virginia to attend his wife in her illness, but he had produced a number of affidavits which would materially modify the evidence adduced against him with reference to his guilt in this transaction. He asked for a further week's delay to enable additional inquiries, observing that the case for the prosecution could not suffer by a delay, as CHADWICK was a prisoner, and the motion would really extend the term of his imprisonment. He explained that he entered into the defense of the prisoner from motives of humanity, and nothing else, convinced by his revelations and the statements of CHADWICK that his story was at least probable. There was a person in New-Jersey who was in possession of facts very material to his defense, and until it was considered he did not think it unreasonable that his application should be acceded to.

District-Attorney DAVIES, on behalf of the Government, denied any intention of dealing with undue harshness in regard to CHADWICK, his only purpose being the conviction and punishment of criminals. Affidavits were put in his possession, contrary to the statement of counsel, just until he had an opportunity of reading them, did not think it fair to have them taken into the presence of the Court, as he did not wish some accompanying considerations should influence materially the sentence to be imposed on the prisoner. Judge WOODRUFF remarked that the case of CHADWICK was an extreme one, and he would be sorry indeed to do anything which would in any respect injure the prisoner before the Court in a proper light. He agreed with Mr. FULLERTON that a delay would not affect the case of the Government, as it would only prolong the imprisonment of CHADWICK. He stated that he had received numerous letters, written by the female relatives of the prisoner, detailed in the Tales of their bearer, and appealing to his humanity for mercy. He considered this conduct very unfair, yet could not blame them for the feelings which prompted them. In view of the whole case he granted a further suspension of sentence until next Saturday, directing that the affidavits in favor of the prisoner should be placed in the hands of the District-Attorney before Wednesday.

Large Burglary of Blank-Passing a Worthless Piece of Paper on a Bond—The Suicide of Mrs. Anderson.

At the Jefferson Market Police Court, MERRITT MARTIN, age nineteen, of No. 219 Elizabeth-street, was committed for trial yesterday, on a charge of stealing periodicals, worth $20, from the news-stand of the Grand Central Hotel.

Early yesterday morning three burglars succeeded in bursting open a rear door of No. 181 Chrystie-street, and entered the premises, occupied as a provision establishment by JOHN & SHARAN. After thoroughly ransacking the store, the thieves harnessed a horse in the stable, and drew a wagon up before a side door. The wagon was then filled with 125 hams of Cincinnati, forty pieces of bacon, and driven away. A half an hour later, as daybreak, Officer PETER FARLEY, of the Seventeenth Precinct, while patrolling on Third-avenue, saw a wagon loaded with meat standing in front of No. 18 on the same street. A man by the name of GEORGE MILLER was leaning against an entry near by, into the butcher shop of CHARLES SCHAUPNAGE, assisted by the latter and his boy, GEORGE ROSS. The officer questioned MILLER as to where he had obtained the hams, and not being answered satisfactorily, arrested him and took him to the Seventeenth Precinct Station-house. Upon the return of the first-named gentleman, Officer FARLEY then returned and arrested SCHAUPNAGE as being accessory to the robbery, which had evidently taken place. The thief and the receiver were brought before Justice SCOTT, at the Essex Market Police Court, yesterday, and committed for examination.

The Dobbs' Ferry Burglars.

BRYAN CAVANAGH, the burglar, who was shot through the back, during a conflict with Officers SCHAEFELE and GILLESPIE, in the employ of the Hudson River Railroad, at Dobbs' Ferry, on Thursday night, as fully reported in the TIMES, died at Bellevue Hospital at 4 o'clock last evening. His brother and several friends were with him when death occurred. It was expected that CAVANAGH would make a statement yesterday implicating the men who were with him when he was shot, but that he positively refused to do, and died without having made a confession, except to the priest, who was with him in his last moments. The inquest in the case will not be held for several days.

Funeral of a Prominent Merchant.

The funeral of the late JOHN CASWELL, for fifty years a merchant of this City, took place at Trinity Chapel, in West Twenty-fifth-street, yesterday morning. Preliminary services, attended by many relatives and intimate friends of Mr. CASWELL, were held at the family residence, No. 170 Fifth-avenue, at 9½ o'clock, and an hour later the body was conveyed to Trinity Chapel, where services were conducted by Rev. Drs. DIX, Vinton, Higbee, Haight, Muhlenberg and Swope. The church was filled by a congregation which was remarkable for the number of aged men it contained. Among others present were A. T. Stewart, Benjamin H. Field, B. B. Sherman, John D. Mackenzie, Robert L. Stuart and Ex-Collector Henry A. Smythe.

At the close of the services the body was conveyed to Trinity Cemetery. The following-named gentlemen acted as pall-bearers: Cyrus Curtis, Samuel Davis, Adam Norrie, John H. Swift, P. H. Holt, John E. Williams, D. H. Arnold and George W. Lane.

SIDEWALK STATUES.

Familiar Features of Our Metropolitan Ways.

The Advertising Figures of the Past and Present—The Art of Fashioning Them—Some Wondrous and Ingenious Affairs.

The numerous devices employed by tradesmen and manufacturers to attract the attention of buyers to the articles offered for sale in their establishments form a leading feature of our Metropolitan thoroughfares and byways. Prominent among these are the advertising statues of wood, metal, plaster and other material. They appear to be used most generally by the retailers of cigars and tobacco. The fastidious or ruminant consumer of the weed is frequently confronted at the entrance of the stores where these things are sold with a graven image to which he might, if fastidiously inclined, bow down and offer up his devotions without violating that clause of the Decalogue which forbids the worshiping of idols bearing resemblance to anything in the heavens above, the earth beneath, or the waters under the earth. No reference is here made, however, to the more recently constructed images of later years, but only to those monstrous creations of some former epoch, when the art of street statue building was in its infancy.

THEN AND NOW.

Of late years this branch of business has engaged the attention of artisans capable of producing better things, and the anatomical impossibilities of the past are gradually giving place to forms more symmetrical and attractive. The all-proportioned savage in front of the corner cigar-store, with whom our youthful eyes were once unpleasantly familiar, has descended from his pedestal to make room for a robust emblem of the Minnehaha persuasion in blood-red tunic and beaded moccasins. In another place, the scathing man of antique mold, who was wont to rivet his wooden gaze upon us with an expression of intense malignity that would have thrown Patience into fits, is now supplanted by a lightsome young manner of faultless figure and generally prepossessing appearance, bearing in one hand a bundle of box-wood cigars, while the other is engaged in hinging to the breeze the best-wood banner of his native land. The Girl of the Period, scantily draped, as to her neither extremities, Lord Dundreary and Brother Sam, Captain Jinks and the Grand Mogul, the Kilted Highlander and the Heathen Chinee, carved neat and every one in wood in one, or glazed, are to be met with in all parts of the City wherever tobacco is vended and indulgation is frequent.

OTHER TRADESMEN'S CONTRIVANCES.

The tobacconists, however, are not the only dealers who make use of statuary of this kind as a means of advertising their wares. Brother Sam may be seen any day in the year standing in an attitude of elegant ease in front of the umbrella-store on Broadway, beneath a gorgeous specimen of the article offered for sale within; while salamander Chinese Pagans ever nod a mute affirmative to the questioning glances of the inquisitive tobacco-viewer among the treasures of Yorel street. The play-actor will occasionally encounter the counterfeit presentment of his favorite actor. Wooden copies of Powers's Greek Slave are not infrequent. Not long since, genial JOHN OWENS as *Solon Shingle*, arrayed in that wonderful coat of many capes, beamed on us in front of a Bowery cigar-store. The picture of the honest old agriculturist, as he leaned over the witness-box to tell the jury what he knew about "that barl o' apple sarse," was perfect.

THE ORIGINAL "JIM CROW."

A statue of T. D. RICE, known to the *habitués* of our old-time theatres as "Daddy" Rice, stands in a "Jim Crow" attitude in front of a well-known resort of actors and showmen, on Broadway. It was made by Rice himself, who, we are informed, was a wood-carver before he adopted the theatrical profession; and this statue is one of the best, as well as one of the oldest, specimens of the art to be found in the City. The particular figure is made in four pieces, the arms, and that portion of the right leg below the knee being cut out separately from the trunk, and fastened thereto with screws. It was carved by RICE in 1833, and was long used by him as a show-advertisement. This statue is highly prized by its present owner, a well-known actor, as being a very faithful representation of the "Old Virginny" darky of forty years ago.

ONE OF THE MOST FAMILIAR.

Further down Broadway we notice a pale-complexioned form of severe grandeur, with outstretched arm pointing in the direction of the setting sun. A near-sighted newspaper correspondent from the modern Athens lately mistook it for a statue of Scorn pointing her slowly-moving finger at the heedless throng who pass and repass the home of "Humpty Dumpty" without deigning to drop in and regale their senses with the feast of good things offered by Manager Fox, of the Olympic. It is needless to inform the Metropolitan reader that this figure represents the Fox-y manager himself. He who has once seen the great original knows it at a glance.

Base-ball has also contributed to the statuesque attractions of Gotham, and many are the effigies of basemen and batters that we find posted here and there throughout the City. On Nassau-street there is a wafer of a man cut in profile from a deal plank, with a pistol levelled in the direction of the Post-office, as if intent on popping off the first unfortunate mail-carrier who may emerge from that ancient edifice, for which he might, if the war were still in progress, be readily excused, as the mail-carrier resembles much in uniform the grim and grizzled warrior of Secession. The extraordinary pistol-ist exhibits a peculiarity not manifest in many successful shooters of the present day. He has both eyes closed, as if unwilling to look upon the effective of his intended victim.

VESSEL FIGURE-HEADS.

A greater variety of statuary of the class we have been describing is comprised in the figure-heads of sailing vessels. These are made of the same material and by the same workmen as the store-statues, but rank higher as works of art, more time and skill being expended in their construction. Since the rebellion, the demand for figure-heads has lessened with the decrease in ship-building. There are not more than a dozen places in New-York where they are made. White pine is the material usually selected, and this is obtained from the ship-yards, condemned spars furnishing the greater part of it. Many a gallant mast that has withstood the ravages of time, fury of the storm, and braved the dangers of the treacherous reef, is now doing duty as a darky door-keeper in front of some dingy cigar-shop.

THE METHOD OF CARVING.

The method of carving is, like the images themselves, a sort of burlesque of the sculptor's art. A "model" is made—but of paper, instead of plaster. This model is lowered to one side of the block, and from it the outline of the figure is traced. It is then sawed to the other side, and a corresponding outline traced. The block is then sawed into something like the figure which it is intended to assume. It then passes into the hands of the more skillful workman, who, with an infinity of chisels, saws, gouges, scrapers, files and sand-paper, gradually brings out the details of form, features and drapery, and finally transfers it to the painter, by whom the work is at last completed. The prices of these figures range, according to size and elegance of finish and painting, from $15 to $200.

Heavy Burglary in Fifth-Avenue.

One of the most daring and extensive of recent burglaries was committed during Friday night on the premises of JAMES W. BELL, tailor on the second floor of No. 173 Fifth-avenue, the house being on the north-west corner of the avenue and Twenty-second-street. The entrance was made through one of the Twenty-second-street windows, which was reached by climbing the water-pipe from the street. The risk of this operation was greatly increased by the fact that the night was by no means dark, and also by the fact that there is a private watchman on the first floor who not only did not see them ascend the pipe, but heard none of their subsequent proceedings over his head, which, however, causes no surprise, as the floors in the building are all "padded." The burglars must have spent considerable time in the store, for they carefully made selections from the entire stock, consisting of cloths, cassimeres, coatings, silks, satins, velvets, and skins of the finest quality and most fashionable shades, all of which they packed up in valises, and all of which, they took with them, some time between Friday night and Saturday morning. The burglary was not discovered until the store was opened for business yesterday morning, when the proprietor was greatly astonished to find nothing to do upon his work. The robbery was reported to Capt. IRVING, of the Second Detective Squad, but he was unable to obtain any clue to the thieves or the property have proved invisible.

AMUSEMENTS.

Notes of the Week.

THE NEW PLAYS.

Two of the best-known dramatists of this generation have been represented by new plays, this week, at Metropolitan theatres. At Wallack's, "Birth" has been seen with the melancholy interest that attaches to the work of a brilliant writer passed away; and at the Fifth-avenue, "Jezebel" has proved attractive in a static guise at variance with its illicitness merit. It is a fact not unworthy of note that, among some persons of repute for critical discernment, the male drama of Mr. BOUCICAULT has received far more attention than the comedy of Mr. ROBERTSON. We may also with propriety observe that "BERTON"—which is certainly no worse a play in the literary sense and a much better play in the moral sense—has been a good deal less noticed than "Jezebel." The drama that has crossed the sea, and that is supposed in some way to cater to morbid sensuality, has enjoyed a decided preference here over the home product which has neither of these advantages. Had such preference been manifested in favor of a writer who has appealed so successfully to the cultivated taste and social refinement of the day, as ROBERTSON, not a word need be said; but so far has this been from the fact that ROBERTSON himself has shared in the invidious discrimination. An exceedingly bad foreign melo-drama has received, that is to say, more consideration than either a respectable foreign comedy or a respectable home melo-drama. It may be said that Succession has taken the form of reprobation, but it is a well-settled principle that abundant dispraise is only next in value to abundant praise, and that consequently the discouragement of bad art is best attained, in a general way, by comparative neglect.

There are exceptions to be justly taken to "Berton," and so there were to "Samatoga," but these were neither as numerous in kind, or in degree as those to which "Jezebel" is obnoxious. From this it appears that a prejudice exists against native plays which it would be satisfactory to see dispelled. For, the argument that American plays are so very bad, and so ought to be discouraged, loses force when English plays that are so very much worse are eagerly followed and discussed.

"BIRTH" AT WALLACK'S THEATRE.

It is difficult to write with perfect freedom of the production of a man of genius who has recently been laid in the grave. To speak disparagingly of such a work is naturally ungracious; to deal with it after the common fashion of stereotyped and conventional applause is not only more grateful but far more easy. When it is remembered how much the play-goer of today owes to ROBERTSON, how much he has done to enlarge and even to elevate the contemporaneous stage, the first impulse certainly is to hang garlands on each of the odd bits and fragments left from the workshop of his brain, and to say that each and all are of the same superb quality as his finest products. But, if we think a little, the weakness and the wrongfulness of such a course will become palpable. We do no credit to SHAKESPEARE by claiming that "Titus Andronicus" is equal to "Hamlet," or "Cymbeline" to "Macbeth;" we do no honor to MILTON by affecting to agree with him that "Paradise Regained" surpasses "Paradise Lost." Yet these writers—we of course do not for a moment suggest any comparison of their genius with his—were men of far more equable powers than poor ROBERTSON, and, at all events, between their best work and their worst there is no wider chasm. Let us admit, therefore, frankly, that "Birth" is one of the worst of his plays—perhaps, with a single exception, the very worst. "Birth" can still be witnessed with pleasure, even if not worthy to be ranked for a moment with "Caste," or "School," or "Ours."

"Birth" is feebler in design than those masterly pieces, and it is feebler in execution than them. To begin with the title, it falls strangely short of the breadth of illustration looked for, and in a manner promised, by such a christening; a fulfillment wherein we are not disappointed by either of the other three plays named. Nothing in particular is taught about "Birth" in the comedy, unless it be that the contempt often affected for such distinction by those who are not well-born is a sham, and that in reality most of them are as ready to bow down to and worship rank as the veriest snobs and toad-eaters that ever provoked ridicule. There is nature, we admit, in *Sarah Hewett*, but it is not the kind of nature most acceptable to democratic prejudices or "progressive" ideas. Mr. ROBERTSON appears to have been in a state of vacillation while writing the piece, and the directness and coherency of his mental processes seem likewise for some reason to have been impaired. Conviction and the expediency of conciliating popular ideas appear to have been at cross purposes with him. And this seems to have aggravated the haziness of his graver dialogue and the sketchy and fragile character of his plot. When sentiment verges so perilously near to burlesque that it is not clear where the one begins and the other ends, and when the confusion is manifestly in the author's mind as well as the auditor's, the purpose of art is obviously sacrificed. It is not hard to see to which side Mr. ROBERTSON's tastes disposed him, but, waiving æsthetic considerations, it is impossible to tell from "Birth" whether his judgment was in favor of the aristocratic or democratic system, and therefore, so far as any such revelation is implied by the name of the play, or the spectator is legitimately brought to expect it, "Birth" is not a success.

In the measure that a well-defined purpose is requisite, then, to the completeness of a play, "Birth" falls short of the standard. Apart from this, not a little of the writing is hasty and weak. The expedients for stage effect are chiefly stale, and generally improbable. The "White Lady" trick is very poor, indeed. The main design—that of contrasting conflicting castes and ingenuously-disposed pursues—having been twice very much better executed by ROBERTSON before, inevitably looks hackneyed. The paucity of numbers in the cast produces an impression of deficiency in richness of color and variety of apportion which is disappointing. Against these defects we are called on to balance some decided merits. There are not a few part things, and excessively shallow ones, thrown off in the text, apparently under the conviction that they would be thought clever and original. Poor ROBERTSON was but human like the rest of us, and success, perhaps, led him to imagine that the prosperous results of his best efforts might be repeated with less labor. Hence "Birth" often looks like a faded reproduction—a kind of "spiritual photograph," if we may say so—of his brighter self. Yet his brighter self is not altogether absent. There are bits and passages here and there which are delightfully characteristic and go far, if not to redeem the whole, to win ready toleration for it. Happily, too, the acting in some of the most conspicuous parts is intimately good. Mr. WALLACK's *Jack Randall* must be set down as one of his very best portraits. *Jack* is a sort of oil who brings about the mixture of anomalous elements in the social salad. He is an educated, jovial, rattling creature who, finding himself under the necessity to do something, resolves to write a play. A great deal of jollity is evoked by his continually seizing upon the real incidents passing around him as material for his proposed drama. He determines, out of the general goodness of his heart and the particular affection his entertains for his friends, to marry the *Earl of Bagleclyffe* (Mr. CHARLES PEERS) to *Sarah Hewett*, the sister of a not-too-fascinating democratic manufacturer, and as the same time to effect a similar alliance between the latter and the *Lady Adeline Sarmont*, the Earl's sister. This genial "programme" *Jack* manages to carry out, and so she spared the consequences of misalliance—which naturally come after and not before marriage—by the descending curtain which, on the eve of their nuptials, shuts off the happy quartet from view. Mr. FISHER is excellent in the *Earl*; Mr. RINGOLD is hardly stalwart and resolute enough for the self-made iron-founder; Mrs. BARRY is at her best in *Sarah Hewett*, and Miss TRACY does the little she has to do prettily enough as the *Lady Adeline*. Mr. WILLIAMSON tries hard to make an imposing figure of the *Duke*—an old, half-daft game-keeper, a kind of modern Caleb Balderstone, who has been a soldier—but is not well fitted in the part, and moves laughter where he should excite sympathy. The burden of the piece is on the shoulders of Mr. WALLACK, and no artist on the stage, we believe, could better support it. His *Jack Randall* is, in fact, an admirable study. It is joyous and mirth-provoking, without the least taint of coarseness, subtle in parts yet free from artificiality, and the little episodes of slim statecraft in the last act are thoroughly enjoyable, as well as versatile. The character is long and laborious, and Mr. WALLACK deserves to be warmly congratulated for the ease and sprightliness with which he handles so arduous a piece of work on its first public representation.

The three scenes that furnish frames for the action of "Birth" are, it need hardly be said, models in their way. We look, almost as matters of course, for fine things in stage architecture, and for pretty bits of landscape—usually crowned with cool and fresh atmosphere—at Wallack's; and in "Birth" we do not look for them in vain. Finish in these regards no less than in costume, and to speak truth in all things that lend reality to histrionic pictures, is seen at Wallack's in rare perfection. Nothing has been spared to do for this, to our stage, last bequest of the brilliant dramatist who has passed away, all that could be done; and this, together with the profound and almost affectionate interest felt in ROBERTSON's productions by the patrons of the theatre, will doubtless make "Birth" abundantly prosperous commercially in spite of artistic shortcomings, some of which we have felt constrained to point out.

BOOTH'S THEATRE.

Business has been extremely brisk this week at Booth's Theatre. "Othello" has continued to be the sufficient attraction, and the alternated performances of Messrs. BOOTH and BARRETT in the chief parts have excited great interest. To-morrow Mr. BOOTH is to play *Burleigh* in "The Fool's Revenge," a character in which he has won much eulogy; and Mr. LAWRENCE BARRETT is announced to appear as *Raphael* in the "Marble Heart," on Wednesday. It was first arranged that Mr. BARRETT should act *Hamlet*; but, it has been determined that he should play instead, *Raphael* and *Claude Melnotte*. "The Winter's Tale" is underlined here, and will be brought out, we are informed, with the care and outlay that have been exhibited in other revivals of SHAKESPEARE at this theatre.

Musical.

NEW STABAT MATER.

A new "Stabat Mater," by Signor PAOLO GIORZA, is to be sung at the Brooklyn Athenæum on Monday evening. Signor GIORZA will conduct the performance, in which Mrs. HINRICHS, Mrs. BLANCHARD, Mrs. DISBROW, Miss NORTON and Messrs. BEBEE and DALLON, with one hundred members of the Brooklyn Choral Union and a strong orchestra, will take part. The composer of the "Stabat Mater," to be heard Monday for the first time, has been in the United States for the past two or three years. He enjoys a wide reputation in Europe as a facile writer of tuneful music, and the scores of the most popular ballets given in Milan, Naples, Vienna, Paris and Berlin are from his pen. The only work he has produced here until now is an overture written for the tragedy of "Marie Antoinette," and executed during Mme. RISTORI's representations. Great expectations grow out of the announcement of the entertainment above referred to, and if Signor GIORZA is as happily inspired as he usually is we are quite sure they will be met by the success of his latest effort. A speedy rehearsal of the "Stabat Mater" in New-York ought to follow.

Home Notes.

The amateur theatricals, in aid of the suffering French, at the Union League Theatre, on March 16, were, it is pleasant to hear, even more remunerative than we at first supposed. We are now informed that Messrs. WINSLOW, LANIER & Co., have received $700 at the hand of Mrs. JOHN SHERWOOD as the net proceeds of the entertainment, and that this sum is to be duly credited to the occasion named....Mr. JAMES BERMETT, the English tragedian, arrived in this City Thursday, by the *Java*....The Wyndham comedy company is reported to have "made a hit" at the Crosby Opera-House in Chicago, on Monday evening last....Mr. FELIX A. VINCENT is acting at the Globe Theatre, in Chicago....Mrs. INGERSE BROWN is singing in oratorio in Chicago...."Birth" at the Boston Museum, seems to have received slender approval....Mr. FECHTER has acted *Obenreiser* in "No Thoroughfare" at the Boston Theatre. The critic of the *Advertiser* says concerning the personation: "Mr. FECHTER's impersonation of *Obenreiser* is worthy of the admiration which it has excited in London. It was a disappointment, however, to many who witnessed it, for the reason that it failed to reproduce the personage which had become familiar to readers of the novel. The sly, subtle, self-contained and calculating Obenreiser of DICKENS and WILKIE COLLINS has disappeared, and in his stead we have a man equally crafty, cruel and unscrupulous, but intense, vehement, impetuous, and only with the greatest difficulty self-restrained. The tremendous power and iron will of the character in the story are most plainly indicated, but their expression is always subordinated to that of watchful self-control. The *Obenreiser* of Mr. FECHTER is perpetually losing the mastery over himself; his passions incessantly prevail over his prudence, and the fact that he recovers himself in an instant, that he is artful and politic, and fruitful in infernal expedients, scarcely establishes a resemblance between him and the real Obenreiser, who would have despised such ebullitions as utterly as he would have been incapable of them. But Mr. FECHTER's impersonation, taken on its own grounds, is perfectly homogeneous and self-consistent, and it is full of his strong, shaping, creative genius. In every detail of make-up, gesture, declamation and by-play it is most suggestive and impressive. Nothing could be more perfect than the easy effusion and half-mocking grace of his cordiality, nothing more stirring than his bursts of passion and malignity. As ever, Mr. FECHTER's power is vividly displayed in the exhibition of conflicting emotions and in sudden transitions of feeling; and of these the piece is full. Good illustrations are afforded in the wonderful variety of feeling which plays over his face in the scene in which *Vendale* and *Marguerite* declare their mutual affection; where the look and bearing of careless politeness, of the absorption of love, of the despair of rejection, of the deadly enmity for a successful rival and of the mad impulse to take present revenge, follow each other in swift succession, yet each distinctly impressing itself upon the mind. And ever and anon throughout the piece the spectator is inexpressibly startled by the fiery suddenness with which the menace of bitter hatred will spring, like a tiger from his lair, out of the midst of smooth words and serious actions and genial manners. Our space forbids us to enter minutely into the analysis of separate scenes; but we desire to call particular attention to Mr. FECHTER's action in the night-scene in the Swiss inn. Here the freedom, ease and frankness with which he insinuates himself into a knowledge of the open-hearted young man's habits are very impressive; but when *George Vendale* falls asleep before the fire and *Obenreiser*, returning on his thievish errand, noiselessly lifts the latch of the chamber-door, and, slipping into the room, begins his work of villainy, every motion and attitude of the great actor is a study of immense physical power repressed into absolute softness, stealthiness and *adresse*, the like of which is almost never seen upon the stage"....M. LEBRANC's engagements in New-Orleans ended on yesterday week....Mr. EDWIN ADAMS was at the St. Charles Theatre, in New-Orleans....Mlle. MORLACCHI is reported in Nevada....Mr. EDWIN FORREST has [illegible] the Philadelphia [illegible] Theatre in Philadelphia, last week. This was her first appearance as *Lady Gay Spanker*, and, apparently, made a very favorable impression....Mr. KELLOGG sang "The Messiah" in Baltimore on Friday evening....Mrs. D. P. BOWERS will open the Rochester Opera-house on May 1....The Boston *Commonwealth* thus alludes to a recent event: "A somewhat remarkable and exceedingly interesting lecture on 'The Science of Dramatic Expression' was delivered in this city last week, by JAMES S. MACKAYE, an enthusiastic pupil and follower of DELSARTE. The principles of bearing, gesture, facial expression, &c., were elaborated with great minuteness, and it was laid down that facial expression should precede gesture, and gesture should precede speech, and that no gesture is permissible except that which is imperatively demanded by the situation. It was shown how hopelessness, cunning, inquiry, carelessness, arrogance, energy, and other qualities, might be exhibited by the bearing of the body alone. To illustrate the power of facial expression, Mr. MACKAYE stood before his audience perfectly motionless, except in his countenance, and made his face pass slowly and with startling vividness through a dozen grades of emotion—satisfaction, pleasure, tenderness, love, admiration, and then, having retraced his steps, dislike, disgust, envy, hate and fury. Again, he exhibited the transitions from repose through jollity, illness and prostration to utter drunkenness; and made a most astonishing but painful spectacle by passing through all the grades of mental disturbance to insanity, and down all the stairs of mental weakness to utter idiocy."

News From Abroad.

"BEHIND A MASK."

The *Pall Mall Gazette* thus refers to the new play of the day in London: "A new comedy in three acts, called 'Behind a Mask,' written by Mr. BERNARD H. DIXON, has been presented at the Royalty Theatre; the author's name, real or assumed, having been hitherto, we believe, unknown to fame. Mr. DIXON'S story deals with the adventures of a *Miss Josephine Bellingham*, a young vocalist who, after a successful appearance in the part of the heroine of 'La Sonnambula' on the stage of the Theatre Royal, Pevensey-super-Mare, of which establishment her father, *Mr. Bland Bellingham*, is lessee and manager, suddenly elopes with a young gentleman of fashion, named *Algernon Forsteal*. As, up to the moment of her flight with her lover, *Miss Bellingham* had invariably conducted herself as an affectionate daughter, and altogether after a most exemplary fashion, the distress of her parent at her unlooked-for delinquency is exceedingly acute. His perturbed state of mind is forcibly conveyed to the audience by the circumstances of his discovering a glove which she had been in the habit of wearing, and forthwith revealing that in truth his own natural locks had been long whitened by trouble and lapse of time. The first act of the drama relates chiefly to the elopement; but, in addition, there is much setting forth of the humors of the side winds of a country theatre. *Lord Beaumorris*, and an aristocratic party, including the Honorable Tom Waffler, who has inexplicably acquired fame in military circles as an amateur actor, are admitted behind the scenes, and indulge fully in that imbecile behavior which, on the stage, is invariably associated with the habits of the upper classes of society, while the presence of a youthful report for a London paper who arrives to be a playwright affords opportunity for profuse satiric comment on the existing state of English theatrical literature and criticism. The second act sets before the spectator the interior of Feltham Hall, the country-seat of *Lord Beaumorris*. A series of amateur representations are about to be given by the *Lord* and Lordship's friends who had visited with him the Pevensey Theatre in the first act. These ladies and gentlemen, however, fail to recognize in the beautiful *Mrs. Percival*, who is among the guests at Feltham, the *Miss Bellingham*, whose performance of *Amina* in BELLINI's opera they had witnessed two years previously. *Algernon* has married *Josephine*, but is careful to conceal the fact of her theatrical origin. *Josephine* is suffering light of heart, but somewhat troubled, however, not by the fact of her cruel desertion of her father, of whose fate she knows nothing, but on account of an absurd jealousy she has conceived of a *Miss O'Morrissey*, an Irish heiress, to whom, as she thinks, her husband has been paying undue attentions. *Miss O'Morrissey* is compelled suddenly to return to Ireland; *Mr. Percival* is summoned to attend the death-bed of his father so hurriedly that he has no time to communicate the fact to his wife, albeit she is resident under the same roof with him, otherwise than by means of a brief note, which is intrusted to a certain *Lady Garnet* to deliver. Now, *Lady Garnet* has been much in love with *Mr. Percival*, and smarting severely from wounded vanity and a sense of ill-requited affection. She determines upon revenge. She so far alters the note as to induce *Mrs. Percival* to believe that her husband has bidden her a final adieu and eloped with *Miss O'Morrissey*. *Mrs. Percival* incontinently goes mad just as she is recognized and rediscovered by her father, *Mr. Bland Bellingham*, who has been induced to assist professionally the private theatricals at Feltham Hall. The third act is devoted to the explanation of all misunderstandings and the restoration of *Mrs. Percival* to reason by recourse to a curative treatment that on the stage has never been known to fail. Thus, it need hardly be said, consists in a reproduction of the whole incidents of the heroine's career. She is made to wear once again the costume of *Amina*; her father resumes the old position of manager; the old prompter of the country theatre is present to summon the singer to her duties. She begins to sing the famous finale to 'La Sonnambula;' at the moment when she should be embraced by her peasant lover, *Elvino*, she finds herself in the arms of her husband. A start of surprise, a scream of delight, and her sanity returns to her, never, of course, to leave her again. *Lady Garnet* is punished by the defeat of her machinations and the exposure of her malpractices; a husband is found for *Miss O'Morrissey* in the person of an amazingly idiotic Captain of dragoons; *Mr. Bellingham* is abundantly happy in the happiness of his child; and the curtain falls upon a striking and satisfactory picture."

FOREIGN NOTES.

A comedy, entitled "The Mock Doctor," has been produced at the Gaiety Theatre....A new drama by Mr. H. J. BYRON will be the next novelty at the Olympic Theatre....Mr. BUCKSTONE has taken a new lease of the Haymarket Theatre. He has been lessee for seventeen years....Mr. W. COLLINS proposes to give three concerts for the purpose of introducing modern music which is the least known....A new drama, by Mr. BOUCICAULT, is to be produced in Glasgow, and will subsequently proceed via Liverpool and Manchester to London....A new comedietta, by Mr. THAYER BARRY, has been accepted, and will shortly be produced at the Court Theatre.... The Tonic Sol-fa Association has announced a Peace Festival for the 21st inst., with 7,000 performers, at the Sydenham Glass-house.... Mr. W. T. GILBERT has undertaken to supply to the Haymarket Theatre with a comedy upon some mythical subject. He is also writing a play for the Court Theatre....Mr. CHARLES DILLON, the well-known tragedian, will appear very shortly at the Surrey. The legitimate drama will reign there for a space, and then a new play, entitled "Spadra," which has already met with much provincial success, will demand a critical opinion upon its unknown author. Mme. ROSSMER's appearance as "The English Gentleman," is announced at the Haymarket on May 1....At the seventh Gürzenich Concert in Cologne, a Symphonic fantasia by Dr. KELLER, the conductor, (the "Erlkönigs Tochter,") was executed. Herr WILHELMJ performed PAGANINI's violin concerto; FRAU WUERST was the vocalist....Madame PATTI has been playing *Ophelia* in the "Hamlet" of Mr. Ambroise THOMAS, and *Juliet* in M. GOUNOD's opera. Madame PATTI was to sing at Moscow in three concerts, at the close of the St. Petersburg Italian opera season....Her FERDINAND HILLER, of Cologne, who had arrived in London for the season, was to give a three piano-forte recital, assisted by Miss SCHUMANN, Herr JOACHIM and Signor PIATTI....M. THEODORE, the eminent French comedian, formerly of the Gymnase and Odéon, of Paris, is giving a series of representations in the Theatre Royal du Pare, Brussels....The death at Como of Signor PHILLIP TAGLIONI, at the age of ninety-three years, is announced. He was the father of PAUL TAGLIONI, the ballet-master, of Berlin....Mention is made of a young Portuguese composer, ANGELO MIGUEL, as a writer for the lyric stage, who is likely to be heard of beyond Lisbon....The orchestral works of Franlem ALINE HUNDT are exciting attention in Berlin. The lady writes symphonies....*Centifolie*, a three-act piece by Herr ARNOLD LANGER, with music by Herr FRANZ VON SUPPÉ, has been produced at the Karl Theatre, in Vienna.... A letter from St. Petersburg states that MORELLI, *entre premieur* of the Italian Opera of St. Petersburg, has engaged Mme. PATTI for four months of the coming season at the rate of £9,000 in money, the performance during the first month to be at Moscow, the rest in the capital. She is to have a benefit in each city, or a sum of $750 for each benefit....The Paris correspondent of the London *Morning Advertiser* says: "How glad we were to see our old friend 'Fron-fron' again as the Symnase Theatre—'Fron-fron' in her old form, with her caprices, troublettes, and the sorrows and remorse which they brought in their train, so exquisitely rendered by Mlle. DESCLÉE, the greatest actress, save Mlle. DELAPORTE, that ever trod the French stage, and that is saying a great deal in this nation of actors. It seemed like waking up [illegible] the old [illegible] guaranteed by the [illegible] Hetaira, who came [illegible] to be desired in the way of [illegible] gem, jewelry, obtainable at prices within the reach of all. Viewed simply as a show, and display of goods put forth by the Company takes rank with any of the exhibitions of art manufactures ever opened in this city. All who visit the museum express their delight with the curious and complicated designs in MILTON GOLD revealed to their senses, and the throngs that daily crowd the place bear evidence to this.

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MARRIED.

BROWN—BURNS.—March 27, 1871, by Rev. James L. Hodge, at the Baptist Church, corner of Oliver and Henry-sts., Mr. HENRY BROWN to Miss KATE BURNS.

DIED.

BERBER.—On Wednesday, March 29, at the residence in Brooklyn, after a short illness, GEORGE W. BERBER, in the 46th year of his age.

Funeral services will be held at the Washington-avenue Baptist Church, corner of Gates and Washington-avs., on Sunday afternoon, April 2, at 1½ o'clock.

CORNELL.—Suddenly, March 30, 1871, ELIZA C., wife of Samuel H. Cornell, in the 42d year of her age.

Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend her late residence, No. 227 Washington-av., near De Kalb-av., Brooklyn, on Sunday, April 2, at 2 o'clock P. M., without further notice.

DUNHAM.—On March 30, EDGAR A., eldest son of John B. Dunham, in the 24th year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from the Collegiate Reformed Dutch Church, corner of Fifth and Lodge-sts., place, on Monday, April 3, at 12 o'clock.

GREELEY.—In Brooklyn, late Friday evening, ROBERT B. GREELEY, aged 74.

The friends of the family are requested to attend his funeral at his residence, No. 138 Pierrepont-st., Brooklyn, on Monday, the 3d of April, at 3 o'clock.

HOTCHKISS.—On Saturday, April 1, MARY ANN PUNDERFORD, wife of Guy C. Hotchkiss, departed this life after a short illness.

Relatives are requested to meet at No. 51 South 9th-st., Brooklyn, E. D., at 1 o'clock on Tuesday, 4th inst. Friends are invited to attend services at St. John's M. E. Church, Bedford-av., at 1½ o'clock.

HENDERSON.—In Yonkers, on Friday, March 31, Mrs. CATHARINE HENDERSON, aged 77.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, this (Sunday) afternoon, at 1 o'clock, from the First Baptist Church, Nassau-st., Brooklyn.

JENKINS.—At St. Augustine, Fla., on Sunday, March 19, JOHN F. JENKINS, of White Plains, N. Y.

The remains will take up their final rest in the White Plains, on Monday, April 3, at 1 o'clock. Relatives and friends of the family, and the Masonic fraternity are invited to attend, without further notice. Interment will be private at White Plains.

MERRIAM.—On Friday, March 31, at the residence of Mrs. Marie H. Brush, No. 301 Lexington-av., M. JESSIE, daughter of Mr. Edmund Merriam, of Monson, N. H., where the remains will be taken for interment.

MERRILL.—On Friday, March 31, at his City, HENRY MERRILL, in the 65th year of his age.

The funeral services will be held at St. Ann's Church, West 18th-st., near 8th-av., this (Sunday) afternoon, at 2 o'clock. The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend without further notice.

OWEN.—At Savannah, March 26, 1871, JOHN OWEN, in the 69th year of his age.

Funeral services will take place at his late residence, No. 49 Greene-av., Brooklyn, on Sabbath afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

SCOTT.—Saturday morning, April 1, after a lingering illness, JULIETTE, youngest daughter of Charles T. and Julia E. Scott, aged 19 years 3 months.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from No. 112 East 27th-st., to-morrow, (Sunday,) at 2 P. M.

WHATON.—On Friday, March 31, ANNA, April 1, Dyer, widow of Albert Whaston, in the 76th year of her age.

Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral service at her residence, No. 12 East 54th-st., on Monday, at 4 P. M. The body will be taken the following day to Westbury for interment.

HOWARD LODGE, NO. 48, F. and A. M.—Brothers—You are hereby summoned to meet at Masonic Rooms, No. 96 Broadway, on Sunday, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of paying the last tribute of respect to our late Worthy Brother JOHN F. BROWER. By order JOHN GILBERTSON, Master.
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$2,500 FOR $1, FOR WHOLE TICKET; half, 50 cents; quarter, 25 cents. Royal Havana Lottery. Supplementary. For information address LUTHER & CO., 308 Greenwich-st., N. Y.

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THE HUMAN FEET, THEIR DRESS AND CARE; showing their nature, perfect shape and consequences; their present deformed conditions, and how flat feet, distorted toes, and other defects are to be prevented or corrected, with directions

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FIRST BOARD.

$1,000 U. S. 5-20 R., '64	112½	100 American Coal	67
$1,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '64	112½	200 West. Un. Tel.	84½
$1,000 U. S. 5-20 R., '65	111½	200 do. bot. cash	84½
$1,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '65	112	200 do.	84½
now	112½	200 do.	84½
1,000 do.	112½	200 do.	84
$1,000 U. S. 5-20 R., '67	113	100 Quicksilver Pf.	55
$1,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '67	113½	100 Pacific M. S. Co.	98
$1,000 U. S. 5-20 R., '68	113½	100 Adams Express	54½
$1,000 Tenn. 6s, old, c.	85	100 Am. Exp. Un. Ex.	48
$1,000 do. new	82½	100 N. Y. C. & H. R. R.	164½
$1,000 do. bot. cash	82½	100 do. bot. cash	164½
$1,000 do.	82½	100 do.	164½
$1,000 Tenn. 6s, new	82½	1000 do.	164½
1,000 do.	82½	1000 do.	164½
$4,000 Va. 6s, ex. int.	74	20000 N. Y. C. & H. Con.	98
$1,000 Ga. 6s, '75, Gold	85	20000 do. bot. cash	98
1,000 do.	85	10000 do.	98½
$1,000 do. ex. int.	84½	100 Erie R.	74½
7,000 R. C. R. R. 6s, new	90	100 C. & R. I. R. bot.	114½
Jan. and July	90	100 do.	114½
$1,000 do.	90	100 do.	114½
$1,000 do.	90	100 do.	114½
$1,000 do.

DRY GOODS.

ALTMAN BROS. & CO.

WILL OPEN
MONDAY, APRIL 3,
UNUSUAL ATTRACTIONS.

THE PUBLIC IS RESPECTFULLY REQUESTED TO
NOTICE
THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT:

DRESS SILK DEPARTMENT.

One case Black Silk, 22 in., at 75c., usually at 87½c.

One case Black Silk, 24 in., at 87½c., usually at $1.

JAPANESE SILK, at 65c., worth $1.

One case Black Gros Grain Silk, 24 in., at $1, worth $1.25.

One lot real POISONS SILK, 22 inches wide, at $1 25, worth $1 75.

One lot POISONS SILK, worth $1, 22 inches wide, we shall offer at $1 25.

Our special pieces of the finest and best makes SILKS, we shall offer, at $1 50 and $1, worth at least twenty-five per cent. more than above prices.

All goods bought during the season, just opened, at the first cost, and ASTONISHING LOW PRICES.

EXTRA BARGAINS IN REAL LACES.
EXTRA BARGAINS IN NEW STYLES OF DRESS TRIMMINGS.
EXTRA BARGAINS AND NOVELTIES IN TIES, BOWS AND SASH RIBBONS.
ALTMAN BROS. & CO.,
8th-av., near 21st-st.

ALTMAN BROS. & CO.

TO PURCHASERS OF DRESS GOODS,
WE OFFER EXTRAORDINARY INDUCEMENTS.

We have just received, and will open TO-MORROW, (Monday, April 3,) a very extensive stock of
FINE DRESS GOODS,
which we shall offer at UNPARALLELED PRICES, comprising all the NEW and LATEST COLORS of SILK POPLINS, SERGES, FOULARDS AND POPLINS, VELOURS, ETAMGLINES AND SILK CLOTHS, MOHAIR, PLAIN, CHECK, STRIPED AND FIGURED WASH POPLINS, MOHAIR REPS, FINE COLORED ALPACAS, &c., IN ALL THE LATEST AND MOST DESIRABLE SHADES.

We particularly call the attention of our CUSTOMERS and the PUBLIC to our GREAT JOBS WE PURCHASED IN
BLACK AND MOURNING DRESS GOODS.
The following are a few of our questions:
BLACK SILK GRENADINES, SILK AND WOOL (square texture).
One superior quality Black Grenadine, 50c. per yard.
One extra quality Black Grenadine, 75c. per yard.
One superior quality Black Grenadine, $1 per yard.
The above are actually 40 per cent. less than can be bought at any other house in the City.
Fine black Lustre Alpacas, 50c.
Finest at 75c., all over the City.
Fine black Silk Taffetas at 62c.
Extra fine, superb quality, at 75c.,
retailed at $1.

A LARGE, COMPLETE AND VARIED ASSORTMENT OF WHITE GOODS, consisting of
ORGANDIES, TARLATANS, SWISS MULLES, NAINSOOKS, BISHOP AND VICTORIA LAWNS, LINEN AND JACONET CAMBRICS, GRASS CLOTH, BUFF SUITING LINENS, TUCKED MUSLINS, PERCALES, PIQUES, &c., &c.,
All marked at extraordinary low prices.
Also,
HOUSEKEEPING GOODS,
comprising the choicest lot of goods ever offered in this market, in
Sheeting, Shirting, Pillow-case Muslins and Linens, Table Linens, Napkins, Doilies, Towels, Crashes, Antique Linen, Marseilles, Toilet and Bed Quilts, Counterpanes, Muslin and Nottingham Lace Curtains, Nottingham and Point Appliqué Tidies, &c.
WE BEG AN INSPECTION OF OUR STOCK, AND SIMPLY DESIRE OUR CUSTOMERS AND STRANGERS TO COMPARE PRICES AT ALTMAN BROS. & CO.,
6th-av., near 21st-st.

ALTMAN BROS. & CO.

LIST OF PRICES
of our Ladies' Underwear.
LADIES' UNDERSKIRTS, MADE of Utica Mills, with tat tucks and deep ruffle, 75c.
LADIES' WALKING SKIRTS, of Mansville cloth, with French facings, at $2.
LADIES' WALKING SKIRTS, of Utica Mills, with deep ruffle, one row of diagonal tucking, one row of perpendicular tucking above, made in the very best manner, at $2 25, worth $3.
LADIES' WALKING SKIRTS, with deep ruffle, one row of diagonal tucking above one row fine needle work tucking, one row of perpendicular tucking, at $3 50, worth at least $5.
LADIES' NIGHT ROBES, 1¼ yard long, 3 yards wide, made of Tuscarora muslin, tucked yoke back and front, at $1 50, formerly sold on our counter at $2 50.
LADIES' NIGHT ROBES, 36 inches long, Wamsutta muslin, one band of edging neck, front and cuffs; tucked yoke, trimmed with embroidered edging and insertion, at $2 25, worth $3 50.
LADIES' FINE MUSLIN CHEMISES, French bosom, drawers all the way with ruffle and made in the best manner, at $1.
LADIES' CHEMISES, fine muslin, French bosom, sleeves of embroidered insertion, 24 tucks, edged with embroidery, at $2.
LADIES' FINE MUSLIN DRAWERS, with 1 ruffle 14 inch deep, 1 row perpendicular tucking, 1 row diagonal tucking above, at 60c.
LADIES' VERY FINE MUSLIN DRAWERS, already hemstitched, 1 row perpendicular tucking, 1 full row perpendicular insertion, 1 row diagonal insertion above, at $1 75.
FINE WHITE LAWN WRAPPERS, tucked, ruffled, embroidered and needle-work insertion, from $4 50 upward.
ELEGANT PRINTED WRAPPERS, plain and with Spanish fichues, good shape and full size, from $2 25 and upward.
NEW SPRING SUITS,
in white and buff lawn and linen,
in the latest and most fashionable style.
Also, a very large assortment of styles in
SILK AND WORSTED POPLINS,
NEW WALKING SUITS,
Just opened,
AT OUR USUAL POPULAR PRICES.
NEW LINE OF LLAMA LACE SACKS,
Just opened.
NEW LINE OF SPRING CLOTH SACKS,
Just opened.
NEW LINE OF GAUZE UNDERWEAR,
Just opened.
CORSET DEPARTMENT.
THE BEST CORSET EVER OFFERED AT $1.
Finest French Coutille Corsets at $2 25.
Nursing Corsets, a special article to retail on Broadway from $4 to $6.
A FEW MORE CORSETS CLOSING OUT at prices regardless of cost.
OUR REGULAR SPRING OPENING will take place in a few days, of which due notice will be given.
ALTMAN BROS. & CO.,
6th-av., near 21st-st.

ALTMAN BROS. & CO.

WILL OPEN ON MONDAY, (MONDAY,) APRIL 3,
a full line of
NEW SILKS PARASOLS,
AT GREAT BARGAINS.
The public are cordially invited to examine.
ALTMAN BROS. & CO.,
6th-av., near 21st-st.

ALTMAN BROS. & CO.

WILL OPEN ON MONDAY, APRIL 3,
NEW ATTRACTIONS
IN FRENCH AND ENGLISH JEWELRY,
in fine French Gilt and Whitby Jet, Sets of Brooches and Ear Pendants, Necklaces, Necklets, Chatelaines, Hair Ornaments, Lockets, Handkerchief Holders, &c., of the most unique designs; also a full, rich and elegant assortment of
FANS,
of the best manufacture, all at very POPULAR PRICES, comprising one of the most varied full assortments to be found anywhere in the City.
Also, a complete line of Traveling Bags and Satchels, in Russia, French, Turkey, Morocco Leather and Canvas, of all sizes and descriptions, at 25 per cent. less than can be purchased of Broadway Houses.
Also, a very useful variety of smaller articles, such as Card Cases, Pocket Books, Purses, Turkey and Morocco Leather Pocket Books, Pine Bird Wire Guards, Hand and Pocket Mirrors, Toilet and Pocket Combs, Perfumery, Soap, &c., &c., all of the best quality, and at our usual very low prices.
Also full line of
HAIR GOODS AND HAIR NETS.
ALTMAN BROS. & CO.,
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HAIR! HAIR!

SHAW'S PATENT HAIR SWITCHES AND CHIGNONS, equal to British hair, can be combed, brushed and curled like natural hair.
HUMAN HAIR, cheapest in the country.
SWITCHES, one yard long, $1.
CURLS, 25 per cent. cheaper than elsewhere.
Hair Jewelry, Braided, Ladies' own chignons dressed for 25 cents. Only depot, No. 50 Bleecker, between Broad Jones and 4th sts.
NOTICE.—Any one who counterfeits or imitates my patent switch will be dealt with according to law.

DRY GOODS.

JAMES McCREERY & CO.,

BROADWAY AND 11TH-ST.,
WILL OFFER
ON MONDAY, APRIL 3,
ADDITIONAL NOVELTIES IN
SPRING AND SUMMER SILKS.
10 PIECES OF BLACK-GROUND COLORED STRIPED SILKS AT, 87½ CTS., $1 AND $1 25 PER YARD.
100 PIECES OF GIRGANTILLE STRIPED SILKS, AT $1 25, $1 50, AND $1 75 PER YARD.
CHOICEST GOODS IMPORTED IN STYLE AND QUALITY.
A FULL LINE OF
BLACK AND WHITE, AND COLORED OBSCURED SILKS, AT $1, $1 25, $1 50, $1 75, AND $2.
WHITE-GROUND BLACK STRIPED SILKS AT $1, $1 25, AND $1.
AN ELEGANT LINE OF
RICH DRESS SILKS,
IN ALL THE CHOICE SPRING SHADES, MANUFACTURED EXPRESSLY FOR OUR RETAIL SALES.
BLACK SILKS IN ALL THE CELEBRATED MAKES, AT VERY LOW PRICES.
JAPANESE SILKS,
IN THE WELL-KNOWN BRANDS OF "GRAND GACHEMIRE D'AMERIQUE," AT $1 25,
"GREAT NORTH AMERICAN," AT $1 AND $1 25, CONSTANTLY ON HAND.
TRIMMING SILKS, IN ALL COLORS, TO MATCH.
EPINGLINE TRIMMING SILKS,
IN ALL THE NEW SHADES.
LADIES WILL FIND IT TO THEIR ADVANTAGE TO CALL AND EXAMINE BEFORE PURCHASING ELSEWHERE, AS WE HAVE ONE OF THE LARGEST, CHEAPEST, AND BEST SELECTED STOCKS OF SILKS TO BE FOUND IN THIS CITY.

JAMES McCREERY & CO.,

BROADWAY AND 11TH-ST.,
WILL OFFER
ON MONDAY, APRIL 3,
IN THEIR
LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S FURNISHING DEPARTMENT,
NEW STYLES IN
SILK WALKING SUITS,
POPLIN AND MOHAIR WALKING SUITS,
LINEN AND WHITE LAWN WALKING SUITS,
SPRING SACKS.
A LARGE AND VARIED ASSORTMENT OF
LADIES' UNDERCLOTHING,
NIGHT DRESSES, CHEMISES,
DRAWERS, SKIRTS, &c.
INFANTS' CLOAKS, ROBES, DRESSES, SLIPS AND SKIRTS.
CHILDREN'S LINEN DRESSES.
HANDSOMELY BRAIDED, FROM $1 75 TO $3 50.
OUR DRESS MAKING DEPARTMENT IS NOW COMPLETE,
AND WE ARE PREPARED TO MAKE DRESSES OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS AT SHORT NOTICE, AND IN THE NEWEST STYLES.

JAMES McCREERY & CO.,

BROADWAY AND 11TH-ST.,
WILL OFFER
ON MONDAY, APRIL 3,
A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF
SPRING AND SUMMER DRESS GOODS,
JUST RECEIVED, AT PRICES CHEAPER THAN EVER.
SEVERAL CASES OF 14 PRINTED PERCALES, AT 12½c. PER YARD.
OXFORD POPLINS IN NEW DESIGNS AND COLORS, AT 25c. PER YARD.
10 CASES OF MIKADO POPLINS, IN STRIPES, PLAIDS AND CHENES, AT 37c.
BEST FRENCH PRINTED PIQUES, IN BEAUTIFUL DESIGNS, AT 45c.
A FINE ASSORTMENT OF FRENCH GRENADINES, VERY HANDSOME, ONLY 87½ CENTS.
THE BEST VALUE EVER OFFERED.
ARGENTINES,
A NEW AND DURABLE MATERIAL, SPECIALLY ADAPTED FOR TRAVELING SUITS, WARRANTED NOT TO SHRINK.
ARGENTINE SUITINGS,
IN BLACK AND GRAY STRIPES, AT 50 CENTS PER YARD.
SILK BERGES, PONGEES, SATIN DU CHENE, IN NEW SUMMER SHADES.
IRISH POPLINS IN ALL QUALITIES AND SHADES.
LADIES ARE RESPECTFULLY INVITED TO CALL AND EXAMINE.

D MOHAIRS.

DIAMOND

It has been almost impossible in this country to obtain a really good Alpaca, which would retain its color and brilliancy. The enormous duties making it prohibitory, the tendency has been to import Alpacas that would look cheap, look goods, made of inferior materials, cannot retain their appearance, and the result is a lady saves seventy-five cents on a dress, which costs $20 to make up, and is quite shabby in a few weeks. Satisfied the ladies would appreciate a really good Alpaca, we imported the

D MOHAIRS.

A first-class Alpaca, well known in England, France and Germany, and the result has been (as we anticipated) a steadily-increasing demand from those who have worn them for some time say they will use no other; as they
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These goods can be had from
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And all first-class retailers throughout the country.

BODY BRUSSELS CARPETS.

A large stock of English Body Brussels Carpet, from $1 65 to $2 per yard, with a general stock of Carpets, Oil-cloths, Mattings, &c., for sale at retail, at low prices, for cash.
GEO. E. L. HYATT,
NO. 273 CANAL-ST.,
Between Broadway and Centre-st.

A. T. STEWART & CO.

WILL EXHIBIT, ON MONDAY, APRIL 3, A LARGE AND CHOICE COLLECTION OF SPRING AND SUMMER SILKS, &c., AT PRICES UNEQUALED IN THIS OR ANY OTHER CITY IN THE COUNTRY.
GRISGRAIN SILKS, FROM 62½c. PER YARD.
EXTRA QUALITY SELF-COLORED JAPANESE SILKS, 87½c. PER YARD.
STRIPED AND PLAID JAPANESE SILKS, 87½c. PER YARD.
COLORED STRIPED AND GRISAILLE STRIPED SILKS, $1 PER YARD.
WHITE AND BLACK HAIR-LINE STRIPED SILKS, $1 12½ AND $1 25 PER YARD.
NEW FANCY SILKS, BOTH BLACK AND WHITE..... $1 75 AND $2
GRISAILLE WITH BLACK LINES, $1 75 PER YARD.
AND SHADED STRIPES..... $2
SEVERAL CASES OF BLACK SILKS, WELL RECOMMENDED, AT $1 75, $2 AND $2 50 PER YARD.
300 pieces A. T. STEWART FAMILY SILK; also BONNETS, POMGONS, &c., from $2 50 to $4 50 a case.
5 cases PLAIN DRESS SILKS at $1 75 per yard. Same shades as in higher cost.
100 pieces CHENEY BROS' AMERICAN BLACK SILKS at $2 per yard.
Guaranteed to wear and wear well.
PONGEE SILKS in fifty shades, $2 per yard.
PONGEE FOULARD SILKS FOR SUITS, $1.
A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF
A FULL ASSORTMENT OF
FRENCH POPLINS, SPRING COLORS, $1 25 per yard.
A RECENT IimportATION OF
REAL IRISH POPLINS, of the new light and dark
FROU FROU COLORS, $1 and $1 25 per yard.
BROADWAY, 4TH-AV., 9TH AND 10TH STS.

A. T. STEWART & CO.

HAVE JUST RECEIVED, PER RECENT STEAMERS, A SUPERB ASSORTMENT OF NOVELTIES,
IN
ROYAL WILTONS, VELVETS,
TAPESTRY AND BRUSSELS
CARPETS,
AND THEY HAVE MADE LARGE ADDITIONS TO THEIR
POPULAR STOCK OF
LFRAME ENGLISH BRUSSELS,
AT $1 62½ AND $1 PER YARD,
RECENTLY SOLD AT $1 87½ AND $2.
PLEASE CALL AND EXAMINE.
BROADWAY, 4TH-AV., 9TH AND 10TH STS.

AT MRS. GAYNOR'S,
NO. 251 BROADWAY, CORNER OF 17TH-ST.,
CORSETS, SKIRTS AND TOURNURES.
CORSETS A SPECIALTY.
Most elegant shapes and styles, our own importation.
NOW OPENING.
Corsets to suit every style of figure, or to order.
A perfect fit guaranteed.
CHILDREN'S CORSETS, WAISTS, SHOULDER-BRACES, NURSERY CORSETS,
ABDOMINAL SUPPORTERS, RIDING BELTS, SKIRTS AND TOURNURES
in fair cloth and every other variety, and
LATEST STYLES AT MOST REASONABLE PRICES.
N. B.—Selling off, at a great sacrifice, the balance, about 300 dozen of elegant shapes, removed last Fall from store, No. 736 Broadway.

MRS. NATALIE TILMAN & Co.,
No. 34 West 22d-st., will open
ON MONDAY, APRIL 3,
Our Spring importation of Bonnets, Hats, Ribbons, Flowers, Fashion Jewelry, Gloves, Hosiery, Silks and Dress Materials.
N. B.—Bonnets and Suits made to order.

DRY GOODS.

A. T. STEWART & CO.

WILL HAVE
ON MONDAY, APRIL 3,
A SPECIAL OFFERING OF
SILKS, DRESS GOODS,
INDIA GAMELS HAIR SHAWLS, LACES, &c.
EMBROIDERIES, SILK AND CLOTH
SACKS, CLOAKS, &c.
LADIES' READY-MADE
SILK, POPLIN, ORGANDIE, LINEN AND LAWN
DRESSES.
LADIES' HATS,
BONNETS, FEATHERS, FLOWERS,
WITH AN IMMENSE STOCK OF
LADIES', MISSES' AND CHILDREN'S UNDERWEAR.
The greater part of the above are NOVELTIES just received from Paris and Berlin.
PRICES EXTREMELY ATTRACTIVE.
BROADWAY, 4TH-AV., 9TH AND 10TH STS.

A. T. STEWART & CO.

WILL EXHIBIT ON MONDAY, APRIL 3,
A CHOICE VARIETY OF THE
"REGIA" AND "CATALINA"
SILKS
FOR CARRIAGE AND PROMENADE COSTUMES.
AN ENTIRELY NEW ARTICLE, AND BEAUTIFULLY COLORED.
PRICE $1 50 PER YARD.
ALSO,
A CASE OF THE BEST QUALITY OF BLACK ARMURE SILKS, FOULARDS, SMALL DESIGNS.
$1 25 PER YARD, LAST YEAR'S PRICE $1 75.
BROADWAY, 4TH-AV., 9TH AND 10TH STS.

A. T. STEWART & CO.

WILL OPEN ON MONDAY, APRIL 3, IN THE GENTLEMEN'S FURNISHING DEPARTMENT,
AN ELEGANT ASSORTMENT OF
VIENNA FANCY GOODS,
INCLUDING
RUSSIA LEATHER TRAVELING-BAGS,
PURSES AND UMBRELLAS,
PORTE-MONNAIES, POCKET CARTE DE VISITE CASES, A NOVELTY JUST RECEIVED,
POCKET-BOOKS, &c.,
PURCHASED IN EUROPE AT PANIC PRICES, AND OFFERED AT A SMALL ADVANCE ON COST.
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MORITZ DINKELSPIEL

Has made large additions to his popular stock of Dress Trimmings, Gimps, Fringes, Velvets, Silks, Laces, Embroideries, Corsets, Gloves, Hosiery, Fancy Goods and Small-wares, which he offers at EXCEEDINGLY LOW PRICES.
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OPPOSITE ASTOR-PLACE.

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A RARE OPPORTUNITY TO SECURE AN ELEGANT COUNTRY HOME.

The owner, having decided upon removal to a distant State, will sell his elegant country seat villa, outbuildings, and twenty-three acres of land, at Clifton, on the New-York and Erie Railway, between Passaic and Paterson.

Rare but fairness miles from New-York City Hall, (thirty minutes' ride from the Pavonia Ferry,) six miles from Newark, two and a half miles from Paterson, accessible from either; and one and one-half miles from Passaic, Clifton is in the Ridge, 300 feet above the sea, and is the most commanding as much attention for its beauty of landscape, healthful climate, richness of soil, and rapidly enhancing worth of its estate, as for its convenience to business. The time for purchase of location and appurtenances, this fine property is touched on two sides by the new lines of the Delaware and Lackawanna, and the Newark and Paterson Railways. Depots on the roads within five minutes' walk of the house. With these facilities, and its nearness to the City, additional value is given to the entire twenty-three acres, rendering it eminently feasible to cut up the land into lots or plots to any extent desired.

In this connection is offered an opportunity for the investment for speculation or improvement, and if properly managed the open land can be so disposed of, in lots and in plots, as to clear the homestead and improvements free of cost. The proprietor, in offering in view such a disposition, has had the entire premises surveyed and mapped. This map will be given to all parties contemplating purchase. The subdivisions comprise proper streets and 170 lots and plots, varying in size from 50 feet to three acres upon which stand the buildings above indicated.

The house is 49 by 66 feet; extension, 48 by 19 feet; two and a half stories; cellar under all, with all the modern improvements, including gas, water, speaking tubes, gas and water, the latter supplied by hydraulic ram.

The out-buildings are complete, embracing porter's lodge, ice-house, stable, carriage-house, cow-house, chicken-house and gardener's house.

Grounds beautifully laid out in lawns, garden, drives, &c., with running stream of water.

The place is a perfect one of its kind. Two-thirds can remain on mortgage at 6 per cent.

GEO. RUGHES, No. 128 Church-st.

STATEN ISLAND SPECIALTY.
FARMS FOR SALE.

One hundred acres, modern house and out-buildings, one mile from station at Richmond Landing.

Seventy-five acres, good dwelling and out-buildings, fine state of cultivation, with frontage on two roads, near Port Richmond.

Forty acres, near West New-Brighton Landing, good farm-house, &c., large frontage on main road to landing.

Thirty-six acres, same locality, good improvements, large frontage on two roads, beautifully located, with fine views.

One hundred and ten acres on high ground, equal distance from either ferry, splendid views.

Twenty-four acres at New-Dorp Station, Staten Island Railroad, frontage on two roads, no improvements.

Sixty-five acres, same locality, beautiful ocean views, healthy, high ground, can be subdivided advantageously.

Fifty-seven acres, near railroad station, no improvements.

One hundred and twenty-five acres, half mile from stations, a substantial dwelling and out-buildings, frontage on main road to the water, some splendid building sites.

Ninety acres at station, running from station to the water, elevated and healthy.

Fifty-acres, same locality, beautifully situated.

TO LET,
furnished and unfurnished houses on all parts of the island. Apply to
J. M. PHELPS, No. 135 Broadway.

FOR SALE—NEAR THE VILLAGE OF West Farms, a very desirable residence for both Summer and Winter. The house has all the modern conveniences and improvements; gas, hot and cold water, bath, &c., and is in most excellent order.

The grounds—either seven or fourteen acres, as may be desired—are beautifully laid out, with large mayden; plenty of fruit and fine lawn, with large forest and evergreen trees; out-buildings all in perfect condition. The situation is exceedingly accessible, being distant but five minutes' drive from Tremont, or six minutes' from Morris Heights, on the Harlem Railroad, over good roads, or twenty minutes from Harlem steamboat, over Southern Boulevard, and but half an hour's drive from Central Park.

Will be sold on very liberal terms, furnished or unfurnished, or exchanged for good City property, together with horses, carriages, fine cows, and every variety of poultry if desired. Apply to
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A BEAUTIFUL COTTAGE, COMBINING advantages of city and country, within forty minutes of New-York by two double-track roads, 60 trains each way daily, at about stage fares, for sale or to let; house has 12 large rooms, wide halls, gas, bath, &c.; hall acre in garden; lawn, fruit and shade trees, &c.; most attractive part of Elizabeth, less than a mile from three depots; every way a desirable property and place of residence. For full particulars, photograph and terms, inquire at West Elizabeth, or address OWNER, care GWEBB, Post-office Box No. 128, New-York City.

FOR SALE—FINE CHANCE FOR PHYSICIAN OR PRIVATE FAMILY—Genteel, roomy, double cottage-house, 20 feet front and upward, small stable, on Main-st. of beautiful village of Irvington, on Hudson, below Tarrytown; very handy to depot, lot 75 by 100; price $7,000; terms easy; half or more may remain on mortgage. Inquire of Dr. BAYLES, occupant of premises for several years, with good practice, now removing to the City.

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A LOST ART RESTORED.

Mediæval and Modern Glass Pictures—The Art in the United States—Details of Its Practice, Development and Present Condition—Leading Artists in New-York and Brooklyn—Orders on Hand, &c., &c.

When in our schoolboy days the question was put to us, "What were the wonders of the ancient world?" we could answer pretty glibly, but when, we were pumbleshooked with "And what are the lost arts?" we invariably stumbled, and are to this day quite hazy as to what they were, and whether they were seven or seventy. Even at that early age we had the idea that now and again one or the other of them must be in process of rediscovery, and so their number must be gradually diminishing. Later we made up our minds that the malleable glass shown to the Emperor Tiberius, which could be thrown on the ground and not be broken, (for which discovery the ingenious patentee had his head cut off,) was simply India-rubber, that Tyrian dye was one of the aniline colors, and that the garum was nothing else but Worcestershire sauce. Nevertheless, with the early skepticism in regard to the majority of these lost arts, we held on for a long time to the belief that stained and painted glass, so far as applied to church decorations, was one of them; nor were we very far from wrong, for only during the last thirty years has this noble art been brought to life again.

How long ago stained glass was used for ecclesiastical adornment has not been very definitely settled. There are churches of the seventh century now extant with their glass windows, the latter, however, probably placed there several centuries later. Very certainly the glass windows of the Abbey of Tegernsee, in Bavaria, belong to the tenth century, and it is probable that about a century before this glass windows, glorious with all the prismatic lights, streamed forth their many colored lines on the heads of the worshippers. French windows of the eleventh and twelfth century are plenty, these last ones exhibiting all the magnificence of the art. Sometime in the thirteenth century, toward the close of it, the early treatment where small figures were only used, became more fully developed and resulted in the adoption of a larger style. Forms of saints approaching nearer to life size were used. Of course, the drawing of the figures was the same, treated in that conventional manner, copied from the early illuminated missals. In France this art was carried to its greatest excellence, and the work of the twelfth century in the Cathedral of Chartres displays to this day the brilliant conceptions of that period. There, strange to say, the art came to a stand-still, and in the sixteenth century it suddenly seemed to have been forgotten, so much so that BERNARD DE PALISSY, in 1563, speaks in regretful words of its downfall. Certainly it is to France, perhaps much to VICTOR HUGO, by his *Notre Dame de Paris*, that we owe the renaissance of this art. In 1840, LOUIS PERSIFER gave the first orders for certain windows in the Church of Eu, and such eminent artists as INGRES and DELACROIX made the cartoons. Of course, the art would have been impossible without the studies of distinguished chemists, who, by careful analysis found out how the old glasses were colored. Notable among the many who devoted their talents to this branch of science was BROGNIART, who soon added innumerable new tints and shades, so that art and science, working hand in hand, in an inappreciable short period of time, once more raised glass painting to all its old distinction.

There is even a strange romance about this substitute for art which is worth recording. Exactly, as the art of staining glass was apparently lost until almost yesterday, so were the methods employed to make those beautiful glasses of Venice forgotten. Those dainty forms, with all their graceful twists and turns, all delicately embroidered with various colored glasses, were things of a long gone past age. Prized in cabinets, worth far more than their weight in gold, they were the delight of the bric-a-brackist. But Venice made them no more. Save some wretched beads used but sparingly in the Levant, Venice had no glass worth even a passing mention. Some ten years ago, however, by dint of hard work, by the help of some lingering traditions still left among the workmen, an effort was made to reinstitute the art, and to-day they make, on the Island of Murano, close to Venice, those fragile fabrics once more, and, if not quite equal to the ancient ones, the resemblance is very close. They have, also, been shown, like those ancient ones, and now are as durable and lasting as those of St. Mark's, are made. We regret that in the United States we have no examples of this work, and hope to see some of our artists put it into the many windows of our churches. We will pass over the Roman and Byzantine styles, with a simple mention of them, as the glass existing with specimens of which for religious purposes as far back as the sixteenth century, hardly dates back for more than eighteen years. But perhaps no branch of art has been more fully developed. The process of making the pictures is, of course, the same in all the styles. The only difference lies in the manner of treatment. In opposition to the purely mediæval style, with its conventionalisms of form and decoration, there is the modern or Munich style, and perhaps what is quite as good, a middle stage, where the proper form of the figure is given, free from the attenuations of the other periods, the decorations still, however, following closely in their feeling the designs of the eleventh and twelfth centuries. The art required to make good pictures is very great. Differing from painted figures, certain mechanical arrangements have to be cared for, which at the first glance would apparently seem to cramp the work—we mean the setting of the many parts of the picture in the lead fastenings. The method of constructing the picture may be thus briefly described: The cartoon having been drawn, which requires a special skill, all effects of distance being discarded, and the efforts of the artist being to have everything as much as possible in the foreground, the various colors to be used in the draperies are carefully studied. This having been determined, pieces of glass of various hues are selected, and are cut the exact size with the diamond. These are then all combined like the puzzle games, and placed on a glass where they are cemented. Then a special artist puts in the various shades, the faces, the patterns of the cloth and the many details. The colors employed are mostly oxydes of various metals, not of such a degree of fusibility that they will run before the glass they are put on is affected by the heat. Each piece then having been painted, is placed in a furnace of a peculiar nature and heated. The color remains in the glass, as a positive enamel, obstructing the light if necessary, or in other cases imparting a new tint to the glass. The color is applied either front or back of the picture as effect or convenience dictates. Sometimes a single bit of glass goes into the furnace a dozen times. The glass itself or the patch-work of the picture, if we may use the expression, is of a special nature. Some seem have to be of a natural sombre color, and for this purpose the glass is made with an uneven surface, so as to diffuse the light and so tone down its brilliancy, and is known as sanded glass. Two kinds of glass are also used, one called "flashed," and the other pot glass. The flashed glass is made by combining together in the plate, a layer of colored glass superposed in one of clear glass. This allows the artist to pile off with need the color on one side, and to have that portion transparent, which can be either left for a brilliant light, or be colored with some other tint. Pot glass is glass of one color throughout. When all the pieces are perfect, the leading members are brought together and carefully joined with lead solder, which are afterward colored, and to make the whole water-tight, a cement of mastic is forced into the joints. This point in regard to the proper leading of the picture, is a most important one, as where they occur, there is an absolute want of transmitted light, they appear as black lines. This helps wonderfully to throw out the figures and strengthen the outlines, though their too frequent use tends to mar and break up the effects. Here, then somewhat of the skill of the artist. In a well executed picture, these necessities of the art, we mean the leaded lines, conventional though they may be, are most pleasing, and when the proper combination of colors is struck, the effects are startling. Nowhere can be as well seen those magical powers of colors, where the hues seem absolutely to recede away back in the picture, giving prominence to the figures, while the ruby reds seem ever inclined to come forward. One revels in these varied tones, and one cannot look at them save in a reverential mood. The process of completing a picture is a long one; months must pass before one is finished, and a picture of ten feet by twenty window may take six months before it is perfected. Strange changes take place when glass is exposed a long time to the air, and perhaps some of the softer tones belonging to peculiar windows many centuries old may be owing to this atmospheric influence; but science in the laboratory is following fast, endeavoring to find even these passing shades, and every day this glorious art is getting nearer to perfection. One peculiarity about these pictures is, that such a stained window as would do for an English shrine, is hardly adapted for a church in the United States. The reason is a simple one. Here our lights are brighter, our sun more vivid, and the picture made for English skies would be too loud and glaring for us. We therefore necessarily tone down our pictures somewhat more than they do in Europe.

Grace Church was, perhaps the first which used any decorations of this kind of decided merit. If we are not mistaken, the art was so little known then, that the workshop was made on the grounds for its preparation. Since that time barely any of our churches are without these windows, and we hear every day of new memorial windows in process of construction. With few exceptions all religious denominations use stained glass. Some except the Jews; but adopt the various religious emblems, and even Christian Christian friends adorn their synagogues with this beautiful art. New-York possesses several establishments of undoubted merit, and Brooklyn has one, all producing works of such excellence that it would be invidious to give special prominence to any one of them.

On visiting the atelier of Mr. SHARP, we noted the following works now in hand, and in process of completion: Windows for the Church of the Trinity, at Pittsburg; for the Ascension, at Zanesville College, Ohio; for the Methodist University, at Middletown; for the Ascension, at Staten Island; for a church at Red Wing, Minn.; and for one at St. Croix, W. I.; one for Nebraska, one for Rochester, and perhaps as strange as any, one for far-off Japan, to decorate the church of the American residents there. At Messrs. MORGAN & BROTHERS, we saw a finely-drawn cartoon of the Ascension, now in hand for the Church of St. Mary, at Selina, and work going on for windows for Lawrence, Mass.; for the Church of St. Rose de Lima, of Cannon-street, New-York; for a church at New-Bedford, for Fort Hinchman, for Reading, N. Y., and for Paterson, N. J. In Brooklyn we found the well-known establishment of Messrs. FRANDERICK & BROTHER moved to very spacious and commodious quarters, in order to accommodate their much-increased business. The proprietors, artists themselves of distinguished merit, medallists of the School of Arts at Metz, and pupils of the celebrated MAUREGAT, to whom the regeneration of this noble art is mainly due, exhibited to us work in process of completion of the greatest excellence. Notably among the various orders were twelve windows for the Washington Irving Church at Tarrytown. These are memorial windows with the following subjects: Elijah, Nathaniel, Job, Moses, Joseph, Noah, Isaac, Abraham and Jesus in the garden. These gentlemen have just completed the windows of St. Thomas and of St. Anne. Perhaps the glass paintings of St. Thomas are among the finest specimens of the art in the United States. They have yet to finish some very fine windows for Buenos Ayres, South America. The following glass-paintings are now in hand: Windows for St. Alphonsus, New-York City; for a church in Taunton, Mass.; for a Baptist church in Albany; for Grace Church, New-Haven; for the Congregational Church in the same city; for Franklin, Tenn.; two memorial windows for Boston; for St. Johns Stamford, Conn.; and for Guyons Church, Brooklyn, L. I.

For the labor and skill necessary to produce works of this high order, which are so lasting, the prices asked are by no means large. A handsome window with large figures, with highly decorative borders, ten feet by twenty-two, will cost from $1,400 to $2,000. Contracts of from $5,000 to $8,000 are not uncommon. The amount paid to New-York and Brooklyn by our churches throughout the country is exceedingly large, and the demand is rapidly increasing. This is due not only to the excellence of the work, but also to the price, for in both of these respects we hold our own, when compared with foreign work.

MILITARY GOSSIP.

That excellent veteran organization the "Old Guard," Major George W. McLean, had a very full and pleasant meeting on Monday night at their rooms, No. 907 Broadway. Several new members were elected, and the Committee on the Anniversary Parade and Celebration made a most favorable report in regard to its prospects. At the conclusion of the business meeting the company was hospitably entertained by Mr. Gershon B. Smith, who was one of the founders of and an officer in the old City Guard, under Capt. McArdle, nearly thirty years ago. The reunion proved a very enjoyable one, and good speeches were made by a number of the Old Guard, in which pleasant reminiscences of military service in the ranks of the Delphic Guards and the Old Guard were recalled, and with many reviving in the minds of all cherished recollections of their youthful days, when the National Guard was only a dream of the future.

Capt. Bird W. Spencer, Chairman; Lieut. A. D. Beaver, Sergt. George W. Palfrey, J. W. R. Appell, J. V. Robertson, and Private T. J. C. Bramhall, the committee having charge of the first annual parade and celebration of the Tompkins Guards of Company E, Ninth Regiment, have decided on the following programme: The command will assemble at the armory on Wednesday evening, April 12, in full-dress uniform, at 7½ o'clock, with invited guests from other companies to the extent of five from each. The line of march will be down Fifth-avenue to Fourteenth-street, through Fourteenth-street to Broadway, around Union-square to and through Fourteenth-street to Fifth-avenue, up Fifth-avenue to Thirty-fourth-street, to Madison-avenue, down Madison-avenue to Twenty-third-street, through Twenty-third-street to place of serenade. During the serenade the command will be drawn up in line, arms stacked, and at "in place rest." After the serenade line will be formed behind stacks, and the command will return to the armory to dismiss.

On Wednesday evening next the Forty-seventh Regiment, of Brooklyn, will assemble for drill and review, at the armory, admission to the drill-room being had by ticket. The evening will close by a promenade concert by the band.

The Montgomery Guards, of Boston, have received a challenge from the City Guards, Tiger Battalion, to compete with them for the champion colors, which the former command now hold.

General orders No. 3, series of 1871, issued from Second Brigade Head-quarters, approving the proceedings, findings and sentences of the Brigade Court-martial convened by general orders No. 11, series of 1870, of which Col. Frank W. Sterry, Sixth Infantry, was President, have been countermanded, and the proceedings, findings and sentences of the Court are disapproved, by order of Col. Conkling, commanding the brigade.

The active and honorary members of Company E, Ninth Regiment, Massachusetts, known as "the Wolf Tone Guard," visited the residence of their commander, Capt. Strachan, in Chelsea, Wednesday evening, and presented him with an elegant sword, sash and belt. O'Connor's Band accompanied the visitors, who were hospitably entertained.

The Attorney-General has been directed by the Governor to devote attention to the Yard imprisonment case. The trial will be held during the present month.

The seventh annual reception of Company D, Eighth Regiment, will take place on Monday evening, the 10th inst., at Lyric Hall, Sixth-avenue and Forty-second-street, when a grand time is anticipated. Capt. John Pemberthy and his company propose to renew their success of former years, and are accordingly making great efforts. They request military guests to appear in uniform.

Col. Fish has been in nominal command of the Ninth Regiment for a year, and the fact elicits considerable comment, as all the grand measures promised for the benefit of the organization are yet in the prospective, the Prince of Erie having proved a bird in the bush as to results. Now that the warm weather is coming, the members of the Erie Guard are preparing for the ensuing Summer campaign, as the regiment is to capture Long Branch and lay siege to Boston. Remembering Admiral Fisk's zeal in mustering his command on the day of the Fall elections, it is probable that "Boss" Tweed will head the subscriptions for the forthcoming campaign of the Ninth. Recruiting for "honorary members," value $100, is also becoming brisk, though the game is too well known for any old birds to be caught by it.

The encouragement project of the Seventh Regiment bids fair to carry the day, and we understand that Quartermaster WEST is already calculating the cost of transportation and the best method of feeding his hungry comrades. Mr. Weed is in his element when the Seventh is on the move, and missed his vocation during the war. Seriously speaking, the movement looking toward a regular Summer encampment is being taken up in good earnest, and as nearly all the leading members of the Seventh—officers and men—are in favor of the idea, it is safe to say that the regiment will enter on camp life in July. The question will be definitely settled in a few days.

On Monday evening Company K, of the Ninth Regiment, elected Second Lieut. A. P. Bacon First Lieutenant, and Quartermaster-Sergt. James A. Mulligan Second Lieutenant, vice Bacon, promoted.

Already we hear of brigade field days, and it is probable that nearly all of the brigades in this City will appear on review at Tompkins-square in the month of May.

The recent circular of the Adjutant-General, specifying the required strength of active commands, and announcing the probabilities of the disbandment, has resulted in a decided effort to increase enlistments in the individual commands.

Company F, Fifty-fifth Regiment, gave a masquerade reception on Monday evening last, at their armory, in Third-avenue. The rooms were handsomely and effectively decorated, and the assemblage of masks and costumes very amusing. As was to be expected, the affair came off in a most agreeable manner, and the guests were hugely delighted with the entertainment.

A full-dress promenade concert will be given by the officers and members of the Seventh Regiment on Thursday evening, the 13th inst., at the Academy of Music. The affair will be under the direction of Major George Moore Smith, Quartermaster R. M. Weed and Lieut. James C. Abrams, the Music Committee of the Board of Officers. The concert will commence at 8 o'clock P. M. and conclude at 10; dancing will then commence and be continued until 1 o'clock A. M. The price of tickets will be $5, to admit a gentleman and ladies. The number of tickets is limited, as it is desirable that they should be given, as far as possible, by the active and veteran members of the regiment. By reason of the faithful and distinguished services of the Seventh Regiment Band, under the direction of C. S. Grafulla, for a period of over eleven years, it has been decided that the proceeds, after deducting expenses of this concert, shall be for the benefit of the members of the band. Members of the regiment are requested to appear in full uniform; veteran members are requested to wear the badge of the Association; citizens will attend in full dress. The right to occupy the boxes at the Academy on the evening of the concert will be disposed of at auction, at the armory, on Thursday, April 6, at 8 o'clock P. M.

The Virginia bill having passed the General Assembly, efforts are now being made for the formation of several volunteer companies of infantry and artillery in Richmond. The Howitzers and Blues will probably be at once reorganized and recommissioned. Virginia is entitled to about 2,000 stand of arms from the United States Government. Richmond ought to have a good regiment of infantry and a battery of light artillery.

INSURANCE TROUBLES.

The Commonwealth Fire Insurance Company in Difficulty—Appointment of William M. Tweed, Jr., as Receiver—What the President Says of the Matter.

The sudden announcement made yesterday afternoon that a receiver had been appointed by Judge CARDOZO for the Commonwealth Fire Insurance Company of this City, caused intense excitement among interested parties.

The facts of the case, as set forth in the petition of Attorney-General CHAMPLAIN, are these: It appears by the report of two Commissioners, appointed by him to investigate the affairs of the Company, that the assets were but $220,058 26, and that its liabilities, exclusive of capital stock, were $165,678 40, and capital stock $250,000; or, in other words, that the capital stock had been impaired to the extent of $195,420 11. The general law relating to insurance provides that when it shall appear to the Attorney-General, by report of the Controller (now the Insurance General Superintendent,) that the losses of any insurance company shall have diminished its capital stock to the extent of twenty-five per cent, he shall have the right to cause the affairs of the company to be wound up, unless within sixty days the stockholders shall make good the deficiency. On the petition of the Attorney-General, Judge CARDOZO granted an order appointing WILLIAM M. TWEED, Jr., receiver of the Company, on giving a bond, with two sureties, in $5,000. The bond was executed by J. P. CUMMINGS and WILLIAM EDLESTEN, and Mr. TWEED took technical possession of the assets of the Company.

Mr. CUMMINGS is engaged in the law firm of Messrs. BROWN, HALL & VANDERPOEL. Mr. EDLESTON was formerly in the same employ, but is now said to be a secretary to Mr. TWEED.

As soon as the fact became known in business circles there was no little amount of speculation and comment upon the condition of the corporation. Various rumors were afloat as to the cause and probable result of the legal proceedings. One was that the Company had experienced a very unusual run of "ill-luck." Another ascribed the "disaster" to inefficient financial management. Another, from a very responsible source, affirmed that a wealthy and prominent stockholder had offered to compromise the difficulty by making up the deficit—supposed to amount to about $75,000—and take that amount in stock. A TIMES reporter called at the Company's office, No. 151 Broadway, late in the afternoon, and found the President, Mr. GEORGE T. HAWS, engaged in earnest and animated conversation with the Superintendent of Insurance. A number of apparently "anxious inquirers" were pumping the clerks, who manifested the most profound ignorance concerning the affair. One of them stated that Mr. WM. M. TWEED, Jr., the newly appointed receiver, was in the Director's room. There were evidently several others with him, all putting the best possible face upon the situation. The aroma of tempting viands, the chink of cut glasses, effervescent poppings, and cheerful voices, from that direction, suggested what ministrations to the comfort were being dispensed by the ubiquitous colored attendants. The President seemed altogether averse to making any statement, as will be shown by the following conversation with the TIMES reporter:

"Mr. HAWS, would you oblige me with a statement of facts in regard to the present situation of your Company?"

"Really, Sir, I cannot make any statement. The Receiver has just come, and has had no time to examine into anything. He is in the Directors' robm making arrangements."

"But, Mr. HAWS," continued the Reporter, "it has been declared that the present legal proceedings were all arranged with the company's knowledge, and that the appointment of Mr. Tweed, Jr., is perfectly agreeable to them. Is that so?"

"No Sir," replied Mr. HAWS emphatically and vigorously, "No Sir, that is not so. We knew nothing whatever of the matter until it was suddenly and unexpectedly precipitated upon us. As to the appointment of the Receiver—that is the very reverse of being agreeable, I assure you."

"Well," continued the reporter, "is it a fact that your deficit amounts to $75,000, and that at an executive meeting of your Board of Directors a prominent stockholder offered to make up that sum and take it in stock?"

"Why, our deficit is not quite so much as that, I guess. But then, you know, I am not prepared to say anything just now about our affairs. I don't know anything of any gentleman having made such an offer as you have mentioned. We cannot say anything more until next week."

"But do you merely regard this as a temporary difficulty, or how?" persisted the reporter.

"Well—it's how," returned Mr. HAWS, with a mixed expression of humor and perplexity. "I cannot say any more on the subject; I am very busy in the back room. Good evening, Sir"—and he retired to the "back room," where the cheerful sounds continued to suggest how busily the receiver's party were "engaged in examining the assets of the Company."

There are various and conflicting theories prevailing among supposed knowing ones as to the drift of this present freak of insurance policy. Some have hinted that after a brief period the "deficit" will be made good, Mr. TWEED, Jr., paid his receivership fees, and the Company placed upon its legs again. The President is Mr. GEORGE T. HAWS, and the Secretary Mr. D. M. DOUGHTY. The following gentlemen compose the Board of Directors:

George. T. Hawe, Hugh Maxwell, Samuel L. Mitchell, George Bulkley, Silas Davis, Owen W. Brennan, A. A. Tweed, Jr., B. Burkhalter, Jr., Alison, Henry Stokes, Alex. Davidson, Darius E. Mangam, John H. Waydell, B. F. Wardwell, George P. Lawrence, James M. Deuel, George C. Knapp, Richard P. Herrick, Jeremiah V. Spader, Hezekiah D. Robertson, Robert T. Wilde, Henry Camerden, Jr., Benjamin H. Hutton, Wm. E. Kirkland, Charles A. Minton, Isaac T. Reeve, Peter Nugent, John Randall, Alonzo Slote, Robert N. Kitching, Franklin Mangam, A. H. Doughty.

The following statistics as to the financial affairs of the Company are compiled from sworn statements to the State Insurance Department for the year 1871: Cash capital, $250,000; gross assets, Jan. 1, 1871, $320,049; total cash receipts in 1870, $214,509; total fire losses paid in 1870, $221,658; cash dividends to stockholders in 1870, $25,000; total expenditures in 1870, $315,664; total liabilities, exclusive of reinsurance capital and scrip, $165,678; net surplus over liabilities, including reinsurance, and capital Jan. 1, 1871, *not stated*; surplus over liabilities, exclusive of profit, scrip and reinsurance, Jan. 1, 1871, $54,369; net loss ratio of stock, per cent., Jan. 1, 1871, 84.70.

THE ERIE LITIGATION.

Adjournment of the Proceedings in the United States Courts—The Suit Before Judge Cardozo.

In the United States Circuit Court yesterday, before Judge BLATCHFORD, the petitions of CHARLES ROBINSON, the receiver, and JAY GOULD, filed on last Saturday in the matter of the complaint of HEATH & RAPHAEL against JAMES FISK, Jr., and the Erie Railway Company, for the fraudulent detention of 40,044 shares of stock, came on for hearing. Mr. SOUTHMAYD said that Mr. ROBINSON desired an adjournment in consequence of the absence of his counsel, Mr. VANDERPOEL, and with reference to the petition of JAY GOULD, it might be necessary to send to London for certain affidavits. Both sides consented to an adjournment for a fortnight and he asked the Court to confirm the arrangement.

Mr. BUCKLEY, on the part of JAMES H. COLEMAN, expressed himself satisfied with the proposition. Judge BLATCHFORD said that if they found it necessary to have any further modification he would grant it, as he intended the reference before Commissioner WEBB should be proceeded with without any loss of time.

The matter was then adjourned for two weeks.

PROCEEDINGS IN THE STATE COURT.

The application of JAMES N. COLEMAN for instructions as to the receivership of the bonds of the English bondholders of the Erie Railway Company, came up for a hearing pursuant to adjournment, before Judge CARDOZO, in Supreme Court, Chambers, yesterday. Mr. BUCKLEY, on behalf of Mr. COLEMAN, stated to the Court that they moved to discharge Mr. COLEMAN from his bond in the State Court, the suit having been removed to the United States Court.

Judge CARDOZO inquired if there was any objection to the receiver's bond being discharged.

Mr. EVARTS said there was then pending before the United States Court an application for instructions by Mr. COLEMAN, in all respects similar to that made in the State Court. As the cause had been transferred to the Federal Court, he (Mr. EVARTS) did not want to be considered as officially appearing in the State Court. He considered that after the transfer of the case the State receiver became a receiver in the United States Court, and was in all respects subject to its jurisdiction, and that his bondsmen became thereupon security for his dealings with the property under the instructions of the Federal Court. He would suggest, however, that in whatever decision the State Court might take it, that the bonds in litigation should not drop in the street, and that in the change of receivers care shall be taken that the property reaches the proper owners.

Judge CARDOZO said that the matter having been removed to the jurisdiction of the Federal Court, he did not think it to appear as discourteous to that Court, by entering into an argument in the case before him, but so far as the bond in the State Court was concerned, he believed that Judge BLATCHFORD concurred with him that he (Judge CARDOZO) could properly enter an order discharging it. If, therefore, any measures were taken to pursue the sureties in the State Court, he would immediately entertain an order discharging the bond, as he considered that the parties interested could pursue the bondsmen in the Federal Court.

Mr. BUCKLEY called attention to the matter of the receiver's fees, and asked that a suitable order be made in reference to that.

Mr. PUTNAMPOR said the question was pending before Judge BLATCHFORD, whether the receivership in the first action was removed, and he trusted no action would be taken in the State Court until that question was determined.

Mr. BUCKLEY then submitted a form of order, releasing the receiver's bondsmen so far as the State Courts were concerned, and in which was to be inserted the amount of his fees.

Judge CARDOZO said he would take the papers and reserve his decision, and in the meantime would probably take occasion to consult Judge BLATCHFORD as to the nature of the order he would make.

Messrs. WM. M. EVARTS, Ex-Judge FULLERTON, T. C. BUCKLEY, A. J. VANDERPOEL and Mr. DE COSTA appeared on the motion to represent the various parties interested.

THE ODIOUS TAX.

Circular of the Anti-Income Tax Association—Privileges to Persons Joining the Movement.

The following circular was issued yesterday:

"The Anti-Income Tax Association of New-York desire to call attention to one feature of the movement which they are engaged in. It is that in enjoining the Collectors from collecting the tax they protect from the necessity of paying the income tax those only who have joined the Association. All, therefore, who desire to avail themselves of the benefit to be obtained by the proceedings taken by the Association must join its members. Collectors can, of course, be enjoined only from collecting from those who are parties to the proceedings. This answers the question which some have asked, whether they will not be benefited if the act is proved unconstitutional, whether they are members of the Association or not. The act being declared unconstitutional would avail them nothing, if they had already paid the tax, before the proceedings commenced by the Association were terminated, or a decision obtained, and what is to prevent the Collectors from collecting from such individuals? The members of the Association will be protected by the injunctions obtained on their behalf, but the Collectors will be the more eager to collect from those who are not included in the injunction, and against whom, therefore, they were not enjoined in doing so.

"The action taken by this Association is in spirit similar to the resistance made by individuals to illegal street assessments, which result in many cases in the assessment being removed from the land of those who offer the resistance, while those who do not join in the movement have to pay. The Association proposes to take measures to prevent the tax from being collected from its members. Those who join the Association will, of course, share the benefit procured by those measures, but those who choose not to join will either have to resist at their individual expense, or pay the tax, however illegally it may be collected or unconstitutionally laid. Some are afraid to join in this movement lest it should involve them in a large expense. The sum fixed upon as the fee for membership of the Association, with the agreement that no member shall be compelled to pay more than this sum, will satisfy those who fear to join the movement from such consideration, and this fee is so small that every one who pays any tax at all can afford to pay it. It is not necessary for those who are desirous of joining to call on the Secretary to sign the roll. If their business prevents their doing this, or their place of business is distant from the Secretary's office, they can write and authorize him to sign for them."

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Anti-Income Tax Association, held at No. 27 Chambers-street, yesterday, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That all cities and towns throughout the country be invited to join in the movement inaugurated by this Association, and that measures be taken by the Executive Committee to organize similar associations, in such cities and towns to co-operate with the Association in this City.

MIRON WINSLOW, Secretary.
NATHANIEL SANDS,
SAUL N. SPOFFORD,
BENJAMIN B. SHERMAN,
WILLIAM H. GUION,
ANSON PHELPS STOKES,
Executive Committee.

Statistics of the Week.

Fifteen hundred and sixty-six persons were arrested during the past week by the Police.

From the report of Fire-Marshal MCSPEDON, it appears there were fifteen fires during the week ending at noon yesterday, with an estimated loss of $189,000, and an insurance of $164,300. Four of these disasters were caused by carelessness, one was incendiary, one spontaneous combustion, and the others were accidents.

The vital statistics for the past week show thirty-seven still-births, 371 births, 112 marriages, and 566 deaths, which is an increase of twenty-nine over the mortality of the previous week.

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF.

NEW-YORK.

In the case of THOMAS DOBSON, who was arrested in this City on a charge of embezzlement in England, a partial hearing was had yesterday, before Judge CARDOZO, in Supreme Court, Chambers. Mr. HOWE, the prisoner's counsel, admitted that the prisoner was guilty of embezzlement, but asserted that that crime did not come within the terms of the Extradition Treaty. Judge CARDOZO expressed regret that he had not the power to send such men out of the country for the country's good. The prisoner was remanded until Wednesday next, with the understanding that if no appearance should be made on that day on behalf of the people, he would be discharged.

An affidavit was yesterday made before Justice DOWLING, by SAMUEL BARTON, of No. 40 Broadway, who testified that, on March 18, he purchased from E. H. BEEK, a Richmond County bond, purporting to be worth $2,000 for $1,600. He subsequently discovered that the document was worthless, and the whole bond a forgery. WM. H. MURPHY, of No. 45 Fulton-street, identified the paper as being one of the blank forms printed by him for THOMAS BOOTH, who is already in prison on the charge of forgery. Yesterday BOOTH was brought up from the cells, to which he had only been temporarily committed, and on this charge was held for trial. The bond in the possession of Mr. BARTON had been discolored, folded and patched, and had all the appearance of having been in use on the market, or carried in some person's pocket for a long time.

Coroner KEENAN yesterday held an inquest on the body of Mrs. CATHERINE M. ARMSMOOR, who shot herself in the breast on Friday, at No. 1,145 Broadway, while in bed. FRANK V. ARMSMOOR, of Washington, the husband of the dead woman, testified that on Feb. 25, his wife left him to go to Houston, Delaware, in order to secure certain medical treatment, as she was subject to fits of insanity. About a week ago Mr. ARMSMOOR, who is a clergyman, came to this City, in order to secure certain documents, and learned from his wife that she was in New-York. He knew of no other motive for her visit, but discovered that she was somewhat in debt, which she was, owing to the nature of the disease. On this evidence the jury rendered a verdict of suicide.

A series of resolutions engrossed by the well-known calligraphic artist, Mr. E. F. BEADY, received the finishing touches yesterday, and will be presented to Senator CRAMER on the occasion of his approaching reception at the Academy of Music. The resolutions are grouped around the portrait of Senator CRAMER and several pictures illustrative of his public career. The whole work is inclosed in an expensive walnut frame, richly wrought in arabesques and inlaid with gold.

On the 21st of January HANNAH STURGES, a boarder in the house of Mrs. CHARLOTTE COOPER, at No. 160 West Sixteenth-street, suddenly left the house and carried with her jewels of other boarders of the value of $200. The woman eluded the clutches of the Police until yesterday, when she was arrested by Officer REED, of the Broadway squad, and taken before Justice COX, at the Jefferson Market Police Court, by whom she was held for trial.

JOHN HENNESSY, a suspected accomplice of the Dobb's Ferry burglars, and who, on Friday last, made such desperate resistance to arrest, was brought before Justice COX, at the Jefferson Market Police Court, yesterday, and upon the evidence of Officer HENRY ARMSTRONG, of the Twentieth Precinct, whose life he attempted, was committed, in default of $10,000 bail, for trial at the Court of General Sessions.

In a case argued on appeal and decided in the Superior Court, General Term, yesterday, a gold watch, &c., is held to be necessary wearing apparel, and not necessary to be deposited in the safe of a hotel in order to relieve the hotel proprietor of responsibility for the loss. The Court also held that the notice of non-responsibility usually printed at the head of hotel registers was not binding on the guests, unless specially called to their attention.

In the matter of receiver in the bankruptcy suit brought against the Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad Company by JAMES ALDEN and the Erie Railroad Company, Judge WOODRUFF, of the United States Circuit Court, yesterday, on motion of Mr. JOSEPH H. CHOATE, counsel for the petitioners, granted a stay of proceedings until such time as the petition has been heard.

EDWARD AMMANN yesterday made a complaint against his brother, FRANCIS AMMANN, of stealing $72 from EDWARD's trunk, which was in their room, at No. 818 William-street, yesterday morning. The mother of the brothers now FRANCIS take the money, and so testified before Justice DOWLING. On this evidence FRANCIS was held for trial on the charge of larceny.

The Typographical Society held its sixty-third annual meeting last evening, and the following-named officers were elected: President, Edwin A. Elcock; Vice-President, Hiram Bepp; Treasurer, George Parsons; Secretary, T. C. Faulkner; Librarian, John Craw; Directors, George Trocher, Chas. M. Devlit, Wm. T. Burns, George F. Cox, S. S. Baxter, and John G. Clayton.

Today is Palm Sunday, a festival in celebration of Christ's entry into Jerusalem, when the people cut palm branches before His path, and welcomed Him by the acclamations of joy to the city where He was so soon to meet His death. In the Church calendar Palm Sunday precedes Passion Week and the resurrection feast of Easter.

At the Court of Special Sessions yesterday, Police Officer JOHN REEA was sentenced by Justice DOWLING to ten days' imprisonment in the City Prison for using unnecessary and brutal violence toward Mr. WILLIAM F. QUINLAN, a resident of the Twelfth Precinct, on occasion of the recent large fire in Canal-street.

On Wednesday the names of three expert accountants will be suggested by the Subcommittee and presented to Judge REYNOLDS, counsel for Rev. Dr. LAWRANCE, who is anxious to have the investigation proceed at once. Mr. FANCHER, counsel for the other side, objected. The Committee adjourned *sine die*.

Twenty-one recognizances in criminal cases were declared forfeited by Judge WOODRUFF at the United States Circuit Court, yesterday, on motion of Assistant District-Attorney PURDY, the accused having failed to make an appearance. The aggregate amount represented on the bonds is $138,000.

JAMES FERGUSON, Captain of the schooner *Sarah Jane*, when in the grocery-store No. 21 Counties-slip, drank a quantity of potash and oil in mistake for gin, and was for a short time in a very critical condition, but was saved by prompt medical attention.

MARGARET TIERNEY, residing at No. 9 Mulberry-street, while passing the corner of Mulberry and Canal streets, was struck by a bale of excelsior, (used for stuffing mattresses,) which fell from a truck, and was severely injured. She was taken home by her husband.

ARTHUR CHAMBERS, a British bruiser, said to be champion of the light weights in England, arrived in this City yesterday from Liverpool. He has fought twelve battles and proved victor in eleven of them. He brings with him the champion belt.

JAMES ANDERSON, an Irish laborer, was found lying in an area in Centre-street, near Canal, bleeding from a severe scalp-wound, supposed to have been received by falling down the basement steps of Earle's Hotel, while intoxicated. He was taken to Bellevue Hospital.

HENRY EVANS, of No. 24 University-place, was knocked down by a private carriage at the corner of Broadway and Eighteenth-street, and was severely injured. He was taken to his home by Officer KNOX, of the Broadway Squad.

JOSEPH PARO and CARL MELANCIO were committed yesterday by Commissioner SHIELDS to await the action of the Grand Jury on a charge of selling unstamped cigars at No. 125 First-avenue.

JAMES WOODS, a carriman, confessed at the Jefferson Market Police Court, yesterday, that he had stolen a bale of cotton yarn, value $40, from the store of JOHN DORSIE, No. 108 Tenth-avenue.

BROOKLYN.

The following wills were proved and letters of administration granted in the Surrogate's Court during the past week: John Fleming, John Wendecken, Addison W. Brown, Bernard Riley, Patrick Clark, James R. Dow and Mary Force, of Brooklyn. Letters of administration were granted on the estates of the following named deceased persons, viz.: Thos. L. Olden, James E. Hicks, Eliza Sullivan, Martin Schultz, Henry O. Lowndes, Evan Beach, Wm. J. O'Connor, Francis Anderson, Abraham Head, John Cary and Wm. McVee, of Brooklyn. Letters of guardianship of the person and estate of Matilda E. Walling and Edwin E. Walling, to George E. Walling, their mother; of Charlotte E. Mead, Mary Mead, Wm. L. Mead and Hester Mead, to Charlotte Mead, their mother; of Wm. E. Dunn and Sarah Dunn, to Wm. H. Dunn, their father, of Brooklyn.

The Board of Health received, yesterday, a very energetic appeal from HENRY BERGH, on the subject of the horrible atrocities perpetrated in the cattle-pens and slaughter-houses, and the diseased condition of the cattle which are killed. He asks the Commissioners if they have any authority in the matter, and offers all the assistance his Society can render them in the event of their taking steps to stop the infernal practices of the keepers of these "charnel-houses."

G. TOFTS, a young man employed in the *Eagle* printing office, was caught in the machinery of one of the Gordon presses in that office yesterday, and was severely wounded in the groin. After being attended by Dr. TRUMAN he was taken to the Long Island College Hospital.

Mr. CAMPBELL, Chief of Police, issued an order yesterday addressed to the Captains of the various Precincts, directing them to so deploy their forces that when a fire occurs all persons but the reporters, the Fire Marshal and the firemen will be kept outside the lines.

The German societies of the city have determined upon having a grand demonstration on Easter Monday in honor of the restoration of peace to their native country. GEO. KNEBEL has been chosen Grand Marshal.

By the annual report of the Brooklyn Bible Society, just published, it appears that during the past year there were 9,040 copies of the Scriptures distributed. The receipts for that period were $6,504, and the expenditures $7,767 29.

Health Officer COCHRAN dismissed Dr. H. I. BARNOS, Inspector of the Western District, yesterday, from further service. Other discharges will take place